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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, 1837.

PURSUANT to a resolution of last Synod, the Ministers of the Synod and Ministerium of South-Carolina and Adjacent States, together with their Lay-Delegates, assembled at St. John's Church, Charleston, on Saturday, the 11th of November. 1837. Services were commenced by Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D. D., with singing and prayer. Rev. F. F. Harris followed with a sermon from the Prophecy of *Daniel* v. chap. 5–9 verses, inclusive: "*In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand; and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the King's palace; and the King saw the part of the hand that wrote,*" *&c.* The confession of sin preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper as contained in the Liturgy of our Church, was now read by Dr. Bachman, *Pastor Loci*, after which Rev. S. A. Mealy delivered his Annual Presidential Report. All the members of Synod now resorted to the convenient "Hall of the German Friendly Society," where the Synod was duly organized, and proceeded to the transaction of its regular business.

Upon calling the roll the attendance of members appeared to be as follows:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. REV. JOHN BACHMAN, D. D.	*Charleston. S. C.*
2. " STEPHEN A. MEALY,	*Savannah, Geo.*
3. " Ernest L. Hazelius, D. D.	Lexington Village, S. C.
4. " Michael Rauch,	" "
5. " George Haltiwanger,	" "
6. " John C. Hope,	Countsville, Lexington Dist., S. C.
7. " JACOB MOSER,	" " "
8. " *William Berly,	" " "
9. " Herman Aull,	Newberry Court House, "
10. " David Bernhardt,	Orangeburg District, "
11. " Robert Cloy,	Beauford's Bridge, Barn'l Dist. "
12. " Levi Bedenbaugh,	Columbia, S. C.
13. " Edwin A. Bolles,	Springfield, Effiingham Co. Geo.
14. " John D. Scheck,	Covington, Newton Co. "
13. " Frederick F. Harris,	Mobile, Ala.

* Mr. Berly was ordained during the present meeting of Synod.

GRADUATED LICENTIATE. POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

16. Rev. James P. Ring, Charleston, S. C.

LICENSED STUDENTS OF DIVINITY.

17. Rev. David Hungerpealer, Orangeburg C. H. S. C.

ABSENTEES.

18. Rev. Samuel Baughtnight, (excused) Lexington Village, "

MEMBERS RECEIVED AT THIS MEETING OF SYNOD AS GRADUATES OF SEMINARY.

19. Rev. William G. Harter, Beauford's Bridge, Barn. Dist. S.C.
20. " Jacob Crim, Unknown.
21. " *Henry Stoudenmyre, "

The Lay-Delegates, pursuant to request, presented their credentials, which were read, and the Brethren invited to take seats in the Synod accordingly:

LAY-DELEGATES.

1.	Mr. Jacob F. Mintzing,	from	Rev.	J. Bachman's Church.
2.	" Thomas Purse,	"	"	S. A. Mealy's "
3.	" Israel Weitman,	"	"	E. A. Bolles' "
4.	" John Eichelberger,	"	"	J. C. Hope's Churches.
5.	" Joseph Wingard,	"	"	G. Haltiwanger's "
6.	" Henry Muller,	"	"	D. Bernhardt's "
7.	" S. R. Shepherd,	"	"	J. Moser's "
8.	" Jacob Nunamaker,	"	"	L. Bedenbaugh's "
9.	" John Hiller,	"	"	M. Rauch's "
10.	" J. Daniel Sease,	"	"	R. Cloy's "

Rev. H. Aull now stated, that Mr. Jesse Wyse, the Delegate appointed to represent his churches, would not be able to attend the meeting of Synod on account of sickness; of course he is excusable. Mr. Absalom Roberts, of Lexington District, presented a communication bearing notice that he was appointed a commissioner, by a respectable portion of St. Peter's and Salem Churches, to represent their condition to, and advocate their claims upon the affectionate advice of this Body. Mr. Roberts was accordingly invited to a seat among us as an advisory member of this Body. The constitutional term for holding the offices having expired, the next business of Synod was the election of officers. The Chair appointed Messrs. Mintzing and Purse a committee to superintend and declare the election.

OFFICERS ELECT.

Rev. STEPHEN A. MEALY, President.
" JOHN C. HOPE, Secretary.
Col. WEST CAUGHMAN, Treasurer of Synod.
HENRY MULLER, Esq., Treasurer of the Seminary.

In regard to the reading of the entire minutes of last Synod, it was

Ordered, That the reading of the entire Minutes be dispensed with, and that a committee be appointed to examine them and report on all

* Mr. Stoudenmyre was prevented from attending Synod on account of sickness, but was presented by the Professor as a Graduate of the Seminary, and will be examined and licensed according to the order of the Ministerium.—Sec.

unfinished business. Committee: Messrs. Moser, Wingard and Eichelberger.

All the documents, letters and papers intended to be laid before the Synod, were now called for, handed in, read, accepted, numbered and referred to the appointed authorities to consider and report on them.

Paper No. 1, is a report from Dr. Hazelius, presenting Messrs. Harter, Crim and Stoudenmyre, as Graduates of the Seminary, to this Synod for examination and licensure. Referred to the Ministerium.

Papers No. 2, 3 and 4, are declaratious and petitions from respectable portions of St. John's, St. Peter's and Salem churches, Lexington Dist. for the satisfaction and consideration of this Body. Referred to a Committee of five persons to report on Tuesday morning. Committee: Messrs. Bachman, Haltiwanger, Purse, Eichelberger and Mintzing, appointed by the Synod.

Paper No. 5, is a communication from the friends of the Church in Columbia. It was laid over till Monday next.

Paper No. 6, is a communication from the Council of the Ebenezer Church. Referred to the Ministerium.

Paper No. 7, is a petition from the members of the Church at Monroeville, Ala., requesting missionary labor. Referred to the Ministerium.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to Report on the President's Annual Address. Committee: Messrs. Hazelius, Caughman and Nunamaker, to report on next Monday.

Rev. J. P. Ring asked the Synod to grant him leave of absence from the morning Sessions, on account of his connexion with the Female Academy as Instructor. Agreed to.

The Rev. P. A. Strobel, a member of the N. C. Synod, being present, was invited to take a seat among us as an advisory member.

Synod adjourned to meet again Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother Strobel. Sermon preached in the evening by Brother Bernhardt, from 2. Chron. xxxiii. 9, 10 and 11 verses, inclusive: "*So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel,*" *&c.*

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

At the regular hour of service the Church was nearly filled with hearers, when Br. Strobel gave out a hymn, which being sung accompanied by the music of the organ, he offered a fervent prayer to a Throne of Grace. Rev. S. A. Mealy next delivered a sermon from John xii. 32 verse: "*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*"

The *Pastor Loci* consecrated the elements by prayer and thanksgiving, for the use of the communion. The clergy and the Lay-Delegates communed first in order, then a large number of the member of the Church, together with some other christian friends. Thus closed the communion services in our Church, and we hope to the mutual comfort and benefit of all the christian friends present.

MORNING SERVICES BY MINISTERS IN SISTER CHURCHES.

A sermon preached by Rev. J. D. Scheck, from Isaiah xlix. 16 verse, in the 3d Presbyterian Church.

A sermon preached by Rev. F. F. Harris from Pslams ci. 1st verse. in the Baptist Church.
" " " L. Bedenbaugh from John vi. 35 verse, in the Methodist Protestant Church.
" " " E. A. Bolles from Matthew vii. 21 verse, in the Mariner's Church.

AFTERNOON SERVICES, &c.

A Sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Hazelius, from Acts v. 1–6 verses, in the Lutheran Church.
" " " D. Bernhardt, from Acts xvii. 30th verse, in the 3rd Presbyterian Church.
" " " J. C. Hope, from 1st Corinthians i. 1–10 verses, in 2nd Presbyterian Church.
" " " G. Haltiwanger, from Romans xv. 1st verse, in the Methodist Prot. Church.
" " " H. Aull, from Hebrews ii. 3rd verse, in the Mariner's Church.
" " " Wm. Berly, from Matthew xi. 28–29 verses, in the Orphan House Chapel.
" " " S. A. Mealy, from 1st John, iv. 16th verse, in the Baptist Church.

At candle light, according to an appointment conferred by the XXXII. Resolution of the last Synod, Rev. J. Bachman, D. D. preached an appropriate Sermon on the "*Doctrines, Government and Discipline* of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," to an attentive and crowded congregation. He chose for his text these words: "*Let us hold fast the profession of our Faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised.*") *Heb.* x. 23rd verse. Thus ended the entire services of the Lord's Day—and we trust to the instruction andedification of many who attended to them.

SECOND SESSION, MONDAY MORNING, NOV. 13TH.

There were prayer meetings held in the Lecture Room of the Lutheran Church every morning, from 7 to 8 o'clock, during the meeting of the Synod, in which the Brothers mutually assisted. Synod opened with prayer by Rev. M. Rauch.

The Minutes of the preceding Session read and confirmed.

Pursuant to order, the Parochial Reports were handed in and registered.

REGISTRY OF THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

MINISTERS.	No. Congre's.	BAPTISMS. Children.	Adults.	Col'rd. Persons.	Total.	CONFIR'D. Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Communicants.	Burials.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. No. S. Schools	No. Teachers.	No. Scholars.
Rev. J. Bachman, D.D.*	1	50		44	94	7	16	23	425	44	1	16	185
" M. Rauch,	1	14			14				41		1	4	29
" J. Moser,	3	36		1	37	10	1	11	133	10	1	2	32
" S. A. Mealy,†	1	18			18	10		10	68	18	1	8	50
" J. C. Hope,	4	31			31	13		13	275	26	1	6	50
" G. Haltiwanger,‡	4	28			28	9		9	187	16	3	11	96
" D. Bernhardt,	2	19		3	22	10	4	14	210	11			
" E. A. Bolles,§	1	11			11	8		8	53	13	1	6	30
" L. Bedenbaugh,	2	4	1	1	6		1	1	35	4	2	5	41
" H. Aull,	2	7			7	3		3	50	2			
" R, Cloy,	2	12			12	6		6	81	4	2	16	89
" D. Hungerpealer,	1								16	1			
" S. Baughtnight,										2	1	2	12
" Wm. Berly,		15			15					4			
Grand Total,‖	24	245	1	49	295	76	22	98	1574	155	14	76	614

* A Female Lutheran Society and a Society for the Promotion of Religion.
† Several Benevolent Societies.
‡ A Cent Society.
§ Sundry Societies of Benevolence.
‖ Several Churches not reported.—SEC.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES AND BENEVOLENT INDIVIDUALS TO THE FUNDS OF THE SYNOD.

REV. DR. BACHMAN'S CHURCH.

Collection, - - - -	$120 12½	
Female Lutheran Society, - -	200 00	$320 12½
REV. S. A. MEALY'S CHURCH, Savannah, Geo.,	30 00	30 00

REV. J. BERNHARDT'S CHURCHES.

St. Matthews, Orangeburg, - -	24 00	
Sandy Run, Lexington, - - -	32 00	56 00

REV. G. HALTIWANGER'S CHURCHES.

Nazareth, - - - -	4 43¾	
St. John's, - - - -	12 25	
St. Michael's, - - - -	10 00	
Carried forward,		$406 12½

Brought forward,			$406 12½
St. Stephen's, - -	2 00	$21 15	47 93¾
Cent Society, - -	19 15		
REV. J. C. HOPE'S CHUHCHES.			
Bethlehem, - - - -		8 00	
St. Paul's, - - - -		4 25	
St. Peter's, - - - -		1 75	
St. Matthews, - - - -		0 00	14 00
REV. R. CLOY'S CHURCHES.			
St. Nicholas, - - - -		4 00	
Mt. Pleasant, - - - -		5 12½	9 12½
REV. E. A: BOLLES' CHURCH, Ebenezer, Georgia,			23 25
REV. J. MOSER'S CHURCHES.			
St. Luke's, - - - -		5 56¼	
Zion's, - - - -		3 50	9 06¼
REV. H. AULL'S CHURCH, St: Mark's,			3 50
REV. M. RAUCH'S CHURCH, Bethel,			5 00
REV. L. BEDENBAUGH'S CHURCH, St. Andrew's,			5 00
REV. D. HUNGERPEALER'S CHURCH, Shiloh, Edisto,			2 22
INDIVIDUALS.			
Rev. E. L. Hazelius, D. D.,			5 00
" F. F. Harris,			2 00
Total,			$532 22

A donation of $14 from the colored members of Dr. Bachman's Church, Charleston, was received since the above.

The President now directed the attention of this body to several communications which had been received since the opening of the Synod, which were read and accepted.

The first communication was from Brother Samuel Baughtnight, stating among other satisfactory items of information, that he had transmitted to Synod his Sermon and Journal, through the hands of Brother Bedenbaugh. Referred to the Ministerium.

The second communication was from Rev. Samuel Rothrock, the Delegate appointed by the Synod of North-Carolina to attend the present meeting of our Synod. Referred to the Committee about to be appointed to Report on the Minutes of Sister Synods.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to Report on all the Minutes of Sister Synods which have come to hand, and on the communication specially referred to it. Committee, Messrs. Bernhardt, Weitman and Shepherd.

After a full and free expression of the opinions of several members on the communication from the Columbia Church, which was ordered to lie on the table till Monday morning, by order of Synod, it was referred to the Committee on Missions.

I. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to present the thanks of the Synod to Rev. Dr. Bachman, for his learned, lucid and appropriate discourse on the *Doctrines and Government* of our Church, delivered on Lord's Day Evening, and to request him to furnish a copy

of the manuscript for publication, because the information contained in the Sermon is highly important, and ought to be communicated as early as possible to our congregations, and to the religious world at large.

II. *Resolved*, That the Committee shall be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Synod for the amount necessary to defray the expenses of printing said Sermon, and that said Committee offer the same for sale, and account to the Synod for the proceeds at its next annual meeting. The Committee appointed in obedience to the above named resolutions are, Messrs. Hazelius, Mintzing, Purse, Muller and the President.

REPORT NO. II.

The Committee appointed on the President's Address beg leave respectfully to report:

1. We recommend that the subject of the proposed Convention of the Church be taken up at an early hour of the meeting.

2. That the thanks of Synod be presented to the Rev. Philip A. Strobel, for his faithful services as Agent of this Body to increase the Funds of the Seminary.

3. As a Committee has been appointed to Report to Synod on the causes and proceedings of the several meetings of Ministers in Lexington District, we omit noticing the allusions to them in the President's Address.

4. We concur in the Rev. President's recommendation, that this Body resolve itself into a Foreign Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Parent Society established at the last meeting of the General Synod, and are of opinion that this portion of the Address should receive the early attention of this Body.

5. We rejoice with the President in the completion of our union of efforts with our Brethren of the North-Carolina Synod, and in their exertions for the support of our Lutheran Theological Seminary, and we would suggest whether, in consequence of this union, the name and title of said Seminary should not be suitably altered.

6. We also concur in the President's opinion that some provision should be made for the religious instruction (orally) of the colored population within the bounds of our Synod, and we do this the more cheerfully, because we not only acknowledge it as an imperative duty devolving on us, but also because we think our Seminary can furnish suitable Missionaries for that field of labor; and therefore your Committee, with our Rev. President, likewise recommend this Institution to the fostering care of our Southern Zion.

7. We recommend that the Address of the President be printed, and that it be appended to the Minutes. [See Appendix A.]

All which is respectfully submitted.

ERNEST L. HAZELIUS,
JACOB NUNAMAKER, } Committee.
WEST CAUGHMAN,

This Report being read it was received, and acted on specially by paragraphs.

Ordered, That paragraph No. 1 be taken up for consideration tomorrow morning.

Ordered, That in obedience to paragraph No. 2, the President tender the thanks of Synod to Rev. P. A. Strobel for his faithful services in the money collecting agency.

In obedience to the recommendation of the 4th paragraph,

III. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to draught a plan for a constitution of a Synodical Foreign Missionary Society, and report tomorrow morning. Committee: Messrs. Hazelius, Bolles, Caughman and Hiller.

Ordered, That the subject noticed in the 5th paragraph, be referred to the consideration of the Directors of the Seminary.

Ordered, That the first part of paragraph No. 6 be referred to the consideration of the Ministerium.

At the suggestion of the second part of the 6th paragraph,

IV. *Resolved*, That the Rev. F. F. Harris be appointed agent of this Body to make collections for the funds of our Seminary, in the portion of the country in which he resides, and report at the next annual meeting of this Body. The whole report was now finally adopted.

REPORT NO. III.

Having been appointed, at the last meeting of this Synod, as delegates to attend the meeting of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church of the United States, we beg leave to present to this Body the following report.

The General Synod convened at Hagerstown, Maryland, on the 28th day of May last. The meeting was one of great interest, and conducted in a spirit of harmony and love; indeed, we are not aware, that from the beginning to the close of that meeting, a single circumstance occurred to mar the unity of sentiment which prevailed, or weaken the ties of christian fellowship which should bind to each other the brethren of the same christian faith. We departed from that hospitable city—from those important deliberations for the welfare of the church—and the solemn and impressive religious services, with feelings of gratitude to God, that such a bond of union existed in our church as the General Synod.

We were gratified on this occasion to observe that the meeting of the General Synod seemed to awaken in the minds of our Protestant Brethren of other denominations a deeper interest than has been hitherto observed. The ministers of other commnnions united in our deliberations and mingled with us in the supper of our common Lord.

The proceedings of the meetings have been published, and a copy is herewith presented for the information of this Body.

It will be perceived that a Foreign Missionary Society has been formed, to the support of which we are bound by every consideration of benevolence to the Heathen, and the duty we owe to our God, to contribute all the aid in our power. As however this subject has been brought to your view by the President of the Synod in his annual report, it is unnecessary for us to refer to it particularly—further than that it meets with our hearty concurrence. We regret to be obliged to report that from the peculiar state of our church in the South, and the necessity of

devoting all our energies to the support of our Seminary, it is not deemed advisable to take an immediate part in the General Education and Home Missionary Society. From reports collected from various quarters, the pleasing intelligence was received, that our church throughout the United States, is in a state of great union and harmony—that the facilities afforded by our Theolegical Seminaries are yearly contributing more and more in furnishing the Church with an educated ministry—that the borders of our Zion are continually widening, and that we have reasor to hope that there is an increase in vital piety among the people of our communion. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMAN,
ERNEST L. HAZELIUS.

Accepted and adopted.

V. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to assign the places where our conferential meetings shall be held during the following year. Committee: Messrs. Rauch, Moser, Haltiwanger, Bernhardt, Eichelberger, Sease and Weitman.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurers of the Synod and Seminary. Committee: Messrs. Eichelberger, Purse and Mintzing. Mr. H. Muller as Treasurer of the Seminary, offered as his securities to the bond which he was about to give for the safe management of the funds intrusted to his care, Messrs. J. Bachman and West Caughman. And Col. W. Caughman, Treasurer of the Synod, offered his securities for the same purpose, Messrs. J. Bachman and H. Muller. These securities were all accepted.

VI. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Synod pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary one hundred dollars as the balance, wanted for the payment of the salary of the Professor of the Seminary.

VII. *Resolved*, That the supply of vacant churches be referred to the Missionary committee.

Ordered, That Synod adjourn till to morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. Hazelius.

Rev. W. Berly preached, at candle light, in the church from Hebrews v. chap. 9 verse, "*And being made perfect he became the Author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.*"

THIRD SESSION, TUESDAY MORNING NOV. 14, 1837.

Session opened with singing and prayer by Rev. R. Cloy. Mr. Purse acted as Secretary pro. tem. The subject of the Church Convention, which was the order of business this morning, was again deferred to a later period of the meeting.

REPORT NO. IV.

The plan of a constitution for a Synodical Foreign Missionary Society, auxiliary to the "German Foreign Missionary Society."

ART. 1. The name of this Society shall be the "*Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of South-Carolina and adjacent States, auxiliary to the German Foreign Missonary Society,*" *established at a Convention, held during the late Session of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in the United States.*

Art. 2. The object of this society is therefore the same as that of the Parent Society, viz: to promote a Foreign Missionary Spirit, and to assist in extending the knowledge of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, throughout the world.

Art. 3. Any person, male or female, may become a member of this Society by the annual payment of any sum not less than one dollar; the payment of twenty dollars at one time shall constitute him or her a member for life. Honorary members may be elected by the Society at the regular meetings.

Art. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President and three Vice Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, and a Treasurer with an Executive Committee of seven, to be elected annually at the regular meetings of the Synod.

Art. 5. The President, and in his absence, the senior Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and perform such other official acts as shall at any time be assigned him by the Society.

Art. 6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a reeord of all the proceedings of this Society.

Art. 7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct and superintend the correspondence of the society, and of the Executive Committee, of which he shall be a member ex-officio.

Art. 8. The Treasurer shall take charge of the Society's funds, and shall keep for the society all monies and other evidences of property, and shall pay out money only by order of the Executive Committee, taking proper vouchers for all monies paid out, and keeping an accurate account of the Society's receipts and expenditures. He shall make a full report to the society at each anniversary meeting of the receipts and expenditures, and whenever called upon by the executive committee, he shall exhibit his books, accounts, vouchers and other evidences of property. A committee of three shall be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Art. 9. The executive committee shall have the charge and management of the various interests and operations of the society, taking all proper measures to excite and cherish a Foreign Missionary spirit. They shall endeavor to encourage Theological Students to devote themselves to the work of Foreign Missions; to direct the Secretary and Treasurer in the performance of their duties; to appoint local or travelling agents, as may be necessary to the vigorous prosecution of the business entrusted to them, and to report to the society at each of its meetings a full account of their proceedings. They shall meet as often as necessary, and three of their number shall constitute a quorum at any of their meetings.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Officers of the society to encourage the formation of auxiliary Foreign Missionary Societies in their respective congregations and neghborhoods, to report the formation and important transactions of said associations to the society at its annual meetings, and to disseminate missionary information.

Art. 11. The Ministers and officers of the different churches and congregations connected with this Synod and Society, are requested to spread missionary information, especially the beneficial effects of mis-

sionary operations in heathen lands, among our people on all suitable occasions. There shall be a minister appointed at each Synod to deliver a missionary sermon at the next annual meeting of the Society.

Art. 12. Missionary Associations within the bounds of our Synod may become auxiliary to this Society by adopting the general principles of this Constitution, and resolving to co-operate with them ; and the officers of auxilary associations shall be (ex-officio) members of this Society.

Art. 13. Though we consider ourselves a Missionary Society auxiliary to the Parent Society, yet we deem it proper to declare, that if a door should be opened by the Providence of God, and means afforded to enter the misionary field of labor, we consider such an act as constitutional, and in accordance with our obligation to the Parent Society.

Art. 14. The regular meetings of this Missionary Society shall be held at the *time* and *place* of the meetings of Synod.

Art. 15. The Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting, by a vote of three fourths of the members present, the proposed alteration having been recommended by the executive committee, or having been submitted to the society at a previous meeting.

ERNEST L. HAZELIUS,
Chairman of the Committee.

Accepted and adopted in its present engrossed form.

Ordered, That the election of Officers, agreeably to the Constitution, for the Synodical Missionary Society, be attended to. Committee to superintend the election, Messrs. Eichelberger and Caughman.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

JACOB F. MINTZING, *President.*

Dr. J. BACHMAN,
Mr. W. CAUGHMAN,
" T. PURSE, } *Vice President.*

Dr. E. L. HAZELIUS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rev. D. BERNHARDT, *Recording* "

Mr. JOSEPH WINGARD, *Treasurer.*

Rev. J. C. HOPE,
" G. HALTIWANGER,
" W. BERLY,
" L. BEDENBAUGH,
Mr. H. MULLER,
" J. EICHELBERGER,
" T. SCHULER, } *Executive Committee.*

In reference to the 11th article of the Constitution, it was

Ordered, That Rev. D. Bernhardt preach the missionary sermon at the next annual meeting of the Society.

Upon request,

Ordered, That the committee on Papers No. 2, 3 and 4, be permitted to retire for the purpose of preparing their report.

Minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed.

The Secretary now read the minutes of the first session of the Ministerium as information to the Synod.

REPORT NO. V.

Report of the Misssonary Committee on the petition of the Church of Columbia.

Your committee beg leave respectfully, to report, that the petition referred to them has been duly considered,and it is our opinion, that although the case of the Brother, who now officiates in that church is not similar to the situation of those Brethren, who have formerly preached in that church as Missionaries appointed by your Body ; one of whom *at least* would not have kept a horse had it not been for that appointment, and for the expense of which there was nothing received from said church, yet, in consideration that our people in Columbia manifest at this time a willingness to support the gospel, and in consideration of their having furnished the meeting house with a bell, your committee recommend to this body that —— dollars be appropriated towards the support of the minister who now officiates in Columbia. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ERNEST L. HAZELIUS,
JOHN BACHMAN,
H. MULLER.

Received and adopted.

Synod ordered that $25 be appropriated from the Synodical funds towards the support of the present minister in Columbia.

REPORT NO. VI.

The committee appointed to report on the Minutes of Sister Synods and the communication of Rev. S. Rothrock, submit the following statements:

That No. 1 are the Minutes of the seventh meeting of the Harwick Synod, which convened at Cobleshill, Schoharie County, September 2d, 1837. Officers of Synod are Rev. J. Z. Senderling, President, Rev. D. Eyster, Secretary, and Rev. T. Lape, Treasurer. Number of Ministers 11, absent 2. Parochial report. Number of congregations 19, communicants 2647, baptised 213, confirmed 87, Sunday schools 26, teachers 100, scholars 824, and 4 temperance societies.

Number 2 are the Minutes of the 12th meeting of the Synod of West Pennsylvania, convened at Lewistown, Miflin county, on the 30th of September, 1836. Number of ministers 40, absent 7, officers of the Synod are Rev. W. Yeager, President, Rev. G. A. Reichert, Secretary. J. Martin, Treasurer. Number of congregation 140, baptized 2154, confirmed 954, communicants 10448, burials 414, Sunday schools 459, contributions for Synodical, Missionary and Education purposes, $944,78.

Number 3 are the Minutes of North Carolina and Adjacent parts, convened at St. John's Church, Cabarras county, on the 4th Sunday in May, 1837, together with an accompanying letter fiom Rev. S. Rothrock, giving us, together with other matter, a statement of the funds subscribed and collected for the support of our Theological Seminary, and the hearty acquiescence of that Body in the views of our own, with regard to the plan of co-operation between the two Synods in the support of our Theological Seminary. This Synod numbers 13 ministers, absent 3, officers Rev. H. Greber, President, Rev. S. Rothrock, Secretary, and Mr. D. Lenz, Treasurer. Number of congregations 26, baptized 364, confirmed 213, communicants 1759, burials 71, Sunday schools 10, scholars 605.

Number 4 are the Minutes of the 2d meeting of the Synod of the West, convened at Hopeful church, Boon county, Ky., on the 2d October, 1836. Officers, Rev. J. Crigler, President, Rev. Wm. Jenkins, Secretary, and Rev. G. Yeager, Treasurer. Number of congregation 16, ministers 6, baptized 268, confirmed 207, communicants 706, burials 80, and Sunday schools 6. From a review of the whole it would appear that those Synods, whose minutes we have had the pleasure of perusing, are growing in numbers, and increasing in effort to advance the knowledge of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID BERNHARDT,

Chairman of Committee.

Accepted and adopted.

VIII. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on Missions, which shall act also as a committee to afford assistance to indigent young men of piety, who design to study for the gospel ministry. Committee: Messrs. Hazelius, T. Schuler, H. Muller, W. Caughman, and J. Meetze.

IX. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the societies, churches and individuals, that have made donations to the funds of this Body.

X. *Resolved*, That one thousand copies of the proceedings of this Synod be printed, and that five copies be sent to each Lutheran Synod, in the United States.

Rev. R. Cloy now stated that he had resigned as Pastor of the churches in his charge for several years in Barnwell District, and that Br. Harter had received and accepted a call from them.

REPORT NO. VII.

The committee to whom was referred the Sermons and Journals of the Licentiates and licensed students of Divinity, beg leave to report,

That they have carefully examined the papers of Messrs. Berly, Ring, Hungerpealer and Baughtnight, and that they are gratified to find, from the Journals of our young Brethren, that they have been actively engaged in their Master's cause during the past year. Your committee further perceive from the sermons of the two Licentiates, that they bid fair to become able ministers of the church of Christ. With respect to the licensed students of divinity, your committee would state that they have made a manifest improvement in composition, and that their writings breathe a spirit of truly evangelical piety. The committee cherishes the hope also, that our young brethren will, by study and perseverance, become useful ministers in the Lord's Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HALTIWANGER,

Chairman of Committee.

Received and adopted.

XI. *Resolved*, That the Synod now attend to the election of four directors of the Seminary.

Messrs. Rauch, Hope, H. Muller and H. Counts were elected as directors, to serve each the term of three years.

XII. *Resolved*, That the names of the directors be entered into our minutes, and that they be classed according to their term of service.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Elected in 1835.	Elected in 1836.	Elected in 1837.
Rev. J. Moser,	Rev. S. A. Mealy,	Rev. M. Rauch,
" J. D. Scheck,	" G. Haltiwanger,	" J. C. Hope,
Mr. J. Dreher,	Mr. W. Caughman,	Mr. H. Muller,
" J. Metze.	" J. Bates.	" J. H. Counts.

XIII. *Resolved*, That Rev. D. Bernhardt be the delegate to attend the next meeting of the Synod of North Carolina and Adjacent Parts, to convene at Zion's Church, Wythe county, Va., on the 2d Sunday in May, 1838; and that Rev. L. Bedenbaugh be his alternate.

Rev. F. F. Harris rose and made some explanatory remarks in favor of a claim of $60 againt the Synod, for missionary services rendered in the year 1834. Upon the explanations of the several parties immediately concerned in this matter, the Synod being satisfied of the justice of the claim,

XIV. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Synod pay Rev. F. F. Harris $60 for missionary service rendered in the year 1834.

Rev. J. D. Scheck now read his missionary report, the consideration of which was postponed to give time for the examination of the Graduates according to the resolution of Ministerium.

EXAMINATION OF THE GRADUATES.

The committee appointed by the Ministerium to examine the Graduates before the whole Synod, agreeably to the Constitution, now proceeded to the duty assigned them. Time would not permit them to extend the examination to the whole course of studies, consequently the examination embraced the following branches only. 1. The motives which influenced them to study for the ministry. 2. Natural Theology. 3. Revealed Theolgy. 4. Polemic Theology. The examinatien being satisfactory to Synod, it was now brought to a close.

Synod adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Haltiwanger. In the evening Dr. Hazelius preached a German Discourse in the church from Matthew vii. chap. 21 verse. At the same time Rev. L. Bedenbaugh preached a sermon in Mr. Blum's school-room from Romans ix. chap. 33 verse.

FOURTH SESSION, Nov. 15th, 1837.

Prayer by Rev. Aull. Minutes of the preceding session were read and confirmed. Proceedings of the Ministerium read for information. The Rev Messrs. Davis and Wellborn of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being introduced, were invited to take a seat among us as advisory members. The missionary report previously read by Rev. J. D. Scheck was now taken up again, and for the sake of despatch, was referred to the Committee on Missions. The letter from the Brethren in Monroeville accompanying it was referred to the Ministerium.

Rev. Harris now stated that his previous arrangements at home would render it necessary for him to ask leave of absence for the remainder of the Synod.

Granted.

REPORT NO. VIII.

The committee appointed to assign the places for our conferential meetings, beg leave to report:

That District No. 1, make its own appointments.

In District No. 2:

The meeting in December be held in St. Matthew's church, Orang.
" April " St. Nicholas's church, Barnwell.
" July " Trinity church, Edgefield.
" September " Shiloh church, Orangeburg.

In District No. 3:

The meeting in December be held in Columbia church.
" April " Bethel church, Lexington Dist.
" July " St. Paul's church, Newberry Dist.
" September " St. Mark's church, Edgefield "

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL RAUCH,
Chairman of Committee.

Received and adopted.

Ordered, That in obedience to a request from the Church Council at Ebenezer, that said church be transferred from District No 2, to District No. 1, of the conferential meetings.

REPORT NO. IX.

The committee to examine the Minutes of last year, and report on all unfinished business, submit the following as unfinished business.

1. The Directors of the Seminary have not yet reported.
2. The committee to examine the students at the Seminary have not reported.
3. The appointment of several committees has not yet been made.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WINGARD, } *Committee.*
J. MOSER, }

Adopted.

REPORT NO. X.

A statement of the condition of the Book Depository, in account with Synod.

Received as a loan - - - - -	$50
Deduct - - - - - -	17
Due Synod - - - -	$33

EXPENDITURES.

By order of Synod gave one of the students under the care of Synod, one set of Horne's Introduction - - -	7 50
Gregory's Letters, two volumes - - -	2 00
84 Diplomas, cost of printing and paper - -	7 50
	$17 00

On hand 35 Arndt's Work	. . .	35 00
" 12 copies of Catechu. Guide	. .	6 00
" 84 Catechisms		10 50
" 1 copy of Pop. Theology	. .	1 75
" 1 copy of Horne's Introduction	. .	7 50
" 66 copies of Hymn Books	. .	41 25
A debt due by Rev. Harris		20 00
		122 00
Dr. Hazelius paid with his own money, for part of the stock of Books on hand		33 00
In favor of the Depository		$89 00

E. L. HAZELIUS.

XV. *Resolved*, That in view of the state of the Book Depository, that each minister in connexion with this Synod be requested to take and make sale of as many books from the Depository as he can among his congregations.

REPORT NO. XI.

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of examining petitions from St. Peter's, St. John's and Salem Churches, together with sundry papers connected with the difficulties existing in those congregations between a portion of them and their former Pastor, the Rev. Godfrey Dreher, beg leave respecfully to present the following report:

The committee, as well as every well-wisher of our Zion, and the cause of true christianity, deeply lament the state of things disclosed in these communications. They mourn over the unfavorable impression which will be made on the minds of others, on witnessing scenes of contention and strife among those who profess to be the followers of the same Lord, and who have hitherto united in solemn services around the same altar. Attached as we are, with devoted feelings, to our venerable Lutheran Church—a church which, with scarcely an exception throughout the wide extent of our land, is in peace, unity and unexampled prosperity; we have felt no common solicitude to enquire into the causes which have produced this dissatisfaction, and to suggest such remedies as would preserve to the individuals in those congregations, who are still attached to our communion, the sacred privilege of worshipping God according to the forms and doctrines of the church in which their fathers worshipped, and to which they are still warmly attached. They have, therefore, consulted with great care the records of this Synod, perused the correspondence between the presiding officer and Mr. Dreher, and examined such witnesses as would enable them to form a correct judgment of the causes of the existing difficulties. However strong may be our attachment to our church and the Synod, we would not willingly do an act of injustice to any one, however much he might be opposed to us and the institutions we so fondly cherish, and have, therefore, laboured to present an impartial report.

The first symptoms of dissention that have come to the knowledge of your committee, appeared at the meeting of this Synod in 1834, which

was held at Ebenezer in Georgia. It then appeared that a serious division existed in St. Jacob's church—a part of the congregation being in favor of Mr. Dreher, and another portion in favor of Mr. Moser. Both parties seemed considerably excited. The Synod, with a desire of healing this unpleasant breach, recommended to Messrs. Dreher and Moser, that each should choose a Minister and a Lay-Delegate, who should constitute a committee to take the whole matter into consideration and report to the Synod. The parties acceeded. Mr. Dreher chose Messrs. Bachman and Purse, and Mr. Moser chose Messrs. Haltiwanger and Schirmer. This committee, after due deliberation, unanimously made the following recommendations:

1. That they would *recommend* that both the ministers be required to discontinue their ministerial labors in said church, in order that harmony may be restored.

2. That this Synod enjoin it on the members of said congregation not to employ either of said ministers.

3. That we *recommend* that the church be placed under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. Hazelius, and who is required in case of his being unable to attend to supply his place from the Theological Seminary.

4. That it be *recommended* to the congregation of St. Jacob's church to appoint a day of humiliation and prayer in special refererence to the unhappy differences which have so long existed among them.

The above *recommendations* were adopted by the Synod. They appear to your committee to have been the most impartial course that could have been pursued, and had these recommendations been duly attended to by the congregation, there can be but little doubt, that perfect harmony would long ere this have been restored. At the same meeting of the Synod endeavors were made to heal some unhappy differences existing between Messrs. Dreher and Moser. The latter had accused the former of holding doctrinal errors. As such a charge, if permitted to remain without some satisfactory explanation, was calculated to injure the character and usefulness of Mr. Dreher, he consented at the request of his ministerial Brethren, to submit to an examination of his religious sentiments and views. His answers were so satisfactory, that the Ministerium declared him sound in the faith, and published to the world, in the Minutes, their unanimous conviction that there existed no sufficient grounds for the accusation of heterodoxy. At the same time charges had been made against Mr. Moser of improper conduct. All the papers and documents were examined by the Ministerium, and they expressed their conviction, that there existed no sufficient ground for the accusation. In this instance likewise the Synod exercised a due regard to the rights and feelings of both individuals. Mr. Dreher was restored to the confidence or the christian community, by submitting to an examination of his religious faith, the only means which the Ministerium possessed of being able to give a public expression of his orthodox sentiments. The charges, on the other hand, against Mr. Moser, were duly investigated, and the Ministerium declared that there existed no sufficient grounds for the accusation. Thus both the individuals submitted to a trial by their brethren—the only tribunal competent to decide this matter and both were acquitted. At the next meeting of the Synod in

1835, fresh difficulties had occurred. The President, Rev. Mr. Mealy, complained that after having visited Mr. Dreher for the purpose of having a friendly conversation with him, and in order to restore that spirit of friendship and peace, for the want of which he had for some time been alienated from his brethren, Mr. Dreher had circulated reports injurious to his official station. A witness was called (Mr. J P. Ring,) who had accompanied Mr. Mealy in that visit, and who declared that he saw nothing censurable in the conduct of Mr. Mealy. Mr. Dreher, who had circulated these reports, said nothing in defence of his conduct, and made no apology. Mr. Dreher had not on this occasion made his appearance at the Synod, till near the close of its sessions. He was at the time, its Treasurer, and thus detained the Synod beyond the time in which its ordinary business might have been transacted, without alledging a reasonable excuse—he having previously declared that he would act in this manner. The clerical Brethren also complained that Mr. Dreher had ceased to co-operate with them, and had evidenced continual hostility towards them. The Synod after due examination of all the evidence brought before them, came to the unanimous conclusion that the complaints of the Brethren had not been without just grounds, and after some hesitation he consented to sign the following pledge.

I solemnly pledge myself to co-operate with my Clerical Brethren, in the spirit of true friendship, in the future, in promoting peace and harmony in the churches.

Signed, GODFREY DREHER.

At this meeting Mr. Dreher became no longer eligible to the office of Treasurer, the new Constitution, by which the Synod was now governed requiring a Layman for that office. He returned his thanks to the Synod for the confidence they had, for many years, manifested towards him in electing him their treasurer; and the Synod gave him a vote of thanks for the faithful performance of his duties. In a review of the transactions of the Synod of this meeting, it will be seen that the Synod, not only evidenced towards him a spirit of justice, but of great forbearance. They expressed their disapprobation of his conduct in putting them to great inconvenience, and evidencing his contempt in not attending the meeting in due time, for which no reasonable excuse could be offered. They required him to give a pledge to live in peace with those brethren towards whom be had evidenced a spirit of hostility. Although satisfied, by evidence that could not de doubted, that the friendly visit of the President, made at the particular request of the Rev. Mr. Bachman, the former President of the Synod, under a hope that harmony might by this means be restored, had been grossly misrepresented, no further censure was passed upon him for this want of hospitality, and this disrespect to the first officer of the Synod, and in the instance where it was believed that he had faithfully discharged the duty of Treasurer, the Synod gave him its vote of thanks.

At the next meeting of the Synod, held at St. John's church, Calk's road in Lexington District, in 1836, Mr. Dreher requested some explanations of the Minutes of the last meeting of the Synod—and desired to be exonerated conditionally from the pledge he had given at

the previous meeting, to live in peace with his Brethren. The Synod immediately resolved to reconsider the transactions of the previous meeting in order to afford him every opportunity of fully investigating the proceedings of the Synod. After eliciting all the information that could be procured, and after a patient hearing, the Synod preserved its unanimous and conscientious conviction of the fair, christian and just proceedings of that Body—and entered the following resolution on its Minutes.

"*Whereas*, This Synod judges that it has given all necessary explanations to the requests and queries of the Rev. G. Dreher—and that further discussions on these matters are altogether unnecessary—and whereas the Rev. Dreher manifests an apparent satisfaction with this Synod again, and moreover, in order to put an entire rest to this troublesome and mournful subject: Therefore,

Resolved, That after all the investigations of the difficulties in the case of the Rev. G. Dreher, which have agitated this Synod for two successive years, and has been brought forward again at the present meeting—the Synod believing that it has given every necessary explanation on that subject, rejects the further consideration of this business, either at *this*, or any succeeding meeting."

Scarcely, however, had the Synod adjourned, when Mr. Dreher wrote to the President, and other clergymen of this Synod, insisting that an *extra meeting* of the Synod should be called to try the Rev. Mr. Moser, for offences alledged against him at a former meeting of the Synod, for which he had already been tried and honorably and unanimously acquitted. This unreasonable request could not be complied with, and no extra meeting of the Synod was called.

Affecting to be dissatisfied with the refusal of his request, Mr. Dreher now paid a visit to North Carolina, and in April and May last, introduced into his churches and neighboring places, two individuals as ministers, belonging to a sect. usually known as Henkelites, who have been denounced by every Lutheran Synod of our country, as holding heretical and dangerous doctrines, and who are known to be hostile, not only to our Synod, but to Theological Seminaries, to Bible, to Tract, Missionary and Temperance Societies, and those benevolent operations which all protestant christians of the present day are so desirous of promoting.

When these facts became known to our clerical brethren, residing in the vicinity, they called a meeting, and in a temper of moderation, but at the same time, with great firmness, addressed a letter to Mr. Dreher, enquiring of him his reasons for introducing into our churches, men whose sentiments were so much at variance with the word of God, and who were so hostile to our ministers, and our religious institutions. The character of the answer may be ascertained by the following extract of his letter, dated May 16th, 1837. "As it appears from the Minutes of 1834, that I had to undergo an examination, I now insist upon Mr. Moser's undergoing the same course in a short time; if not, you will all know before the meeting of Synod, the reason of the Rev. Mr. Miller's preaching in my churches. You will admit, Mr. Chairman, that it is nothing more than reasonable and right, that as I had to undergo an examination, that Mr. Moser be examined also. Unless this takes place in a

short time, I can assure you sir, that I will never attend another meeting of your Synod."

Our clerical brethren subsequently held, by appointment, a meeting with Mr. Dreher, which proved unsatisfactory, and they reported the result to the President of the Synod. That officer now appointed a committee of all our ministers residing in the vicinity, to propound to Mr. Dreher, certain questions relative to his recent conduct, so much in opposition to the *pledge* which he had signed, and the constitution to which he had affixed his name; and in case of his refusing to assign a satisfactory reason for his conduct, he was informed, that, agreeably to the constitution of our Synod, he would be compelled to suspend him from ministerial duties, till the next meeting of this Body.

All the letters and papers relative to this business, which it is deemed unnecessary to specify in this report, are in the possession of the Synod. Your committee, on a review of the whole subject cannot but express their decided and unanimous conviction that this Synod has for years past exercised a spirit of lenity and forbearance towards Mr. Dreher, amounting perhaps to a fault, and we cannot but believe that every reflecting christian, who will inform himself of the facts contained in this whole transaction, will exonerate the Synod and its officers of having dealt with him with harshness and severity, or in any other temper, than that of long suffering and forbearance.

Facts have come to the knowledge of this committee, that although Mr. Dreher professed to have separated from us in a friendly manner, he has subsequently evidenced an increased temper of hostility towards our ministers, denouncing them in his pulpit as tyrants, wolves in sheep's clothing, &c. It has also been ascertained by a report of the present Treasurer of this Synod, that although Mr. Dreher, when his office of Treasurer expired, thanked the Synod for the confidence they had placed in him, in electing him successively to that office, and received in return a vote of thanks; yet it appears that he retains in his possession valuable documents, the property of the Synod, which on application, he has refused to surrender to the proper officer.

Your committee are, therefore, constrained to recommend to the Ministerium of this Synod, That,

In as much as the Rev. Godfrey Dreher has resigned from this Synod, at a time when he was under heavy censures for a violation of our constitution, and open acts of hostility towards our ministers and Synod, and still, even whilst out of our connexion, exercises towards it a temper incompatible with the precepts of the Gospel, he be declared as no longer a minister of our church—that he is beyond the control of our Synod, and that we are not responsible for his faith or conduct.

From the petitions referred by this Synod to the committee, it appears that the petitioners are members of the three congregations of St. Peter's, St. John's and Salem churches—that they are respectable minorities of those congregations of which Mr. Dreher has hitherto been the Pastor, and in which he still officiates. That in consequence of his being no longer a Lutheran minister, they cannot consent to change the faith in which they were educated, nor be deprived of their connexion with the Synod of their church, and are no longer willing to attend his ministrations. They have, therefore, respectfully petitioned this Synod

to enable them to be supplied with the preaching of the Gospel by ministers of their own faith, designating the individual Brethren whom they would prefer to minister to them in holy things. They would be satisfied, if the following arrangements could be made. As the party attached to Mr. Dreher, only occupy each church at stated Sabbaths, thus leaving the churches vacant during many intermediate ones, they desire to be permitted to occupy these churches and be ministered to by the Pastors of their choice during such Sabbaths when the churches are not occupied by the other party—thus forming two separate congregations in each church, but not interfering with each other, as they will worship on different Sabbaths. Under these circumstances it becomes the duty of this Synod to enquire into and defend the rights of the minority—of men who still adhere to the faith of our church—men whose forefathers as well as themselves contributed to the erection of those churches, and who claim as a right, those privileges of which they are in danger of being deprived. It has been ascertained, that in some of those churches threats have been made, and in others have been executed, to close the doors against our ministers and those who are attached to our cause, and thus prevent them from worshiping the God of our fathers, in edifices designed, and most of them incorporated as Lutheran Churches. If their opponents have departed from the faith of our church, the fault is not theirs, and if they should now be deprived of their right of property and privileges of worshipping in that creed which it was designed to perpetuate when those churches were erected, it would be an act of great oppression and injustice, which although it may be discountenanced by every lover of justice, of order and religion, should not for any length of time, be submitted to by our oppressed people, who look up to this Synod for sympathy and advice.

Under these convictions of duty, your committee have sought for the best *legal advice* that could be obtained in our city. This was cheerfully afforded, and the documents accompanying this report, give evidence of the deep research and legal knowledge, as well as lucid illustrations evidenced in the preparation of that legal opinion. From this we learn that several decisions have been made in the Supreme Court of the United States on the point in question, which go to establish the general principle, that "If any portion of a corporation secede, and are even erected into a new corporation, the corporate property will not be transferred or distributed in consequence of the separation, but will remain with the old corporation."

Hence it appears that the property of these churches is forever vested in those who adhere to the faith of the Lutheran Church, as understood and received in this country, and your petitioners, who have never departed from our Lutheran faith as understood and acknowledged by the Formulas of the church in this country, have an undoubted right to the churches to which they are attached, and the property invested in them. As, however, we profess to be the followers of a religion of peace—a religion which teaches us to bear and forbear, and to exercise a spirit of meekness and long suffering, your committee respectfully recommend, that before a reference be had to the equitable laws of our land, the petitioners apply for the use of these churches on such Sabbaths as they may not be occupied by the other party—that in case the

doors be closed against them, they make no illegal resistance, but endeavor to preserve a christian temper, and endure their persecutions as he bore them, whom they profess to serve. Should they unfortunately be deprived by force of the privileges for which they have petitioned, let them feel assured that a righteous God will not prosper long the authors of such injustice, and that the very violence of such proceedings will enlist the sympathies and support of all good men in their behalf. Should they however, be denied this privilege, your committee recommend, that they keep a record of those proceedings, and lay the whole transactions before the Synod for further action at its next meeting. Whilst this committtee would earnestly recommend to the petitioners to exercise towards Mr. Dreher and his adherents a spirit of harmony and interchange of neighbourly and social feelings, they cannot advise any participation in their communion. Above all, we recommend that our Brethren, who have in so respectful a manner, laid their grievances before us, be earnestly exhorted, by every motive of earthly peace and heavenly reward, to continue faithful to the Redeemer's cause—to rally round the violated altars of our faith, and in the strength of him who has declared, that the gates of hell shall not prevail against his church, to go on meekly, prayerfully and in full confidence in the protecting providence of God, in the path of christian duty.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BACHMAN,
G. HALTIWANGER,
THOS. PURSE,
JOHN EICHELBERGER,
JACOB F. MINTZING.

Received and unanimously adopted.
November 15th, 1837.

REPORT NO. XII.

THE LUTHERAN SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE ADJACENT STATES IN ACCOUNT WITH W. CAUGHMAN, TREASURER.

Dr.		$ cts.	Cr.	$ cts.
1836.			1836.	
Nov. 16.	To Cash paid Rev. L. Bedenbaugh,	8 00	Nov. 15. By amount of notes and cash in hands at the adjournment of the Synod,	2375 83¼
" 22.	To Cash paid Geo. Haltiwanger, Jun.,	41 00	1837.	
" 25.	To Cash paid to the order of Rev P. A. Strobel,	110 00	May 7. By cash from H. Muller, Treasurer of the Seminary, the advance to Rev. P. A. Strobel,	60 00
Dec. 5.	To Cash paid H. Muller, Treasurer of the Seminary, the Professors' Salary,	706 18¾	Nov. 13. By amount of interest received,	101 82¼
1837.			" By cash from the several Churches and Societies at the present meeting of the Synod,	3 32 22
Jan. 1.	To Cash paid E. J Scott to order of S. R. Shepherd,	30 75	" By cash from the Female Lutheran Society of Charleston,	200 00
April 12.	To Cash paid Rev. J. C. Hope, for printing the Minutes of the Synod,	110 00	" By cash refunded by the Rev. J. C. Hope from printing the minutes,	7 00
Sept. 18.	To Cash paid Geo. Haltiwanger, Jun.	75 00		$3076 87¼
Nov. 4.	To Cash paid Meetze and Hendrest on balance of S. R. Shepherd's order,	9 25	1837.	
" 14.	By Notes due the Synod, $1431,36¾		Nov. 14. By notes due the Synod	1431 36¼
" "	By balance of cash in hand 555,32	1986 68¾	" By balance of cash in hands,	555 32
		$3076 87¼		$1986 68¾

E. E. WEST CAUGHMAN, *Treasurer.*

Charleston, Nov. 14th, 1837.

The committee to whom was referred the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Synod, report that they have examined the same and find them correct. The amount of notes due the Synod is $1431,36¾, and the balance of cash in the Treasurer's hands is $555,32, making in the whole, the sum of nineteen hundred and eighty-six dollars and sixty eight and three fourth cents. ($1986,68¾.)

The committee recommend, that the Treasurer be directed to furnish the Synod at each annual meeting, with a schedule of the notes and interest due thereon, also, with the names of the endorsers. The Treasurer and the securities approved by the Synod have entered into bond for the faithful performance of the duties of that office, and the bond placed in the hands of the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN EICHELBERGER,
THOMAS PURSE,
JACOB F. MINTZING,
} Committee.

The Treasurer of Synod reports further that he has received a donation of ten dollars from St. John's Church, Charleston, since he has made out his report which has been audited, which he will account for in his annual report.

WEST CAUGHMAN,
Treasurer of Synod.

Received and adopted.

REPORT NO. XIII.

LUTHERAN SEMINARY OF SOUTH-CAROLINA AND ADJACENT STATES, CR.

Nov. 12th, 1836.		
By balance in Bonds and Cash		$8566 59¼
Nov. 29th.		
Cash by John Hendrix, (interest,)		21 00
Dec. 1st.		
" George Gross,	do	21 00
" J. Meetze and W. Caughman,	do	6 30
" Henry Meetze,	do	84 00
" J. Meetze and Hendrix,	do	105 00
Jesse Bates,	do	42 00
" E. J. Scott,	do	42 00
" Dividend of 6 S. C. B. S. at $1,25 per share,		7 50
Jan. 25th, 1837		
" Dividend of 6 S. C. B. S. at $3 per share,		18 00
" Wm. L. Miller, (interest.)		42 00
" Rev. J. C. Hope,	do	17 50
" Rev. G. Dreher,	do	25 76
April 1st.		
" Dividend of 6 S. C. B. S. at $2,50 per share,		15 00
" Mrs. Chisolm, Edisto Island,		35 00
" Capt. Townsend,	do	35 00
" Wm. Seabrook,	do	30 00
" Ephraim Mikel,	do	20 00
" Mrs. Joseph Eddings,	do	20 00
" Charles Miller,	do	10 00
" Dr. Jos. M. Dill,	do	10 00
" Mrs. W. Seabrook,	do	10 00
" J. C. Meggett,	do	10 00
" Rev. J. J. Murray,	do	10 00
" Jas. Fripp, Sen. Beaufort,		5 00
Cash by Jas. Fripp, Jun. Beaufort,		5 00
" Rev. R. Fuller,	do	5 00
" Donation by a lady	do	2 00
" Capt. W. Williams,	do	5 00
" P. J. Besselleu,	do	1 50
" Collection in Esp. L. R.	do	14 00
" Collection at Coosawhatchie,		5 06¼
" Collection at Robertsville,		14 25
" Collection at Mt. Pleasant, C. B.,		10 00
" Collection at Bal. Ch. B. V.		5 00
" Charles Gray,		2 00
" James Tupper,	Aiken,	5 00
" Capt W Robertson,	do	5 00
" Thos. J. Dickson,	do	3 00
" L. Surr,	do	1 00
" Collection in St. M. church,		16,31¼
" Collection at Orang. Village,		11 35
" Mrs. E. Wolfe, St. Math.,		10 00
" Mrs. Browning,	do	5 00
" Rev. D. Hungerpealer, St, Matthew's,		5 00
" Peter Fogle, St. Mathew's,		5 00
" Mrs. E. Kert, Orang. Dist.,		2 00
" Mrs. Shirer,	do	2 00
" Halman Wolfe,	do	1 00
" J. A. Haigler,	do	1 00
" M. Bookhard,	do	1 00
" Sundry persons	do	1 62¼
" Sundry persons on Edisto I.		1 00
" H. Muller, Lexington Dist.,		20 00
" Mrs. Nancy Geiger,	do	10 00
" William Geiger, Sen.,	do	10 00
" Lewis Pou,	do	5 00

Cash by John C. Geiger, Lexing. Dis.		5 00
" David Kaigler,	do	5 00
" Dr. David Geiger,	do	5 00
" Mrs. Mary Ann Geiger,	do	5 00
" Mrs. Michael Kaigler,	do	5 00
" Wm. Baker,	do	5 00
" Jacob Wolfe,	do	5 00
" Dr. E. L. Hazelius,	do	5 00
" John Shuler,	do	5 00
" George Harmann	do	5 00
" Esaias Saylor,	do	3 00
" John G. Kaigler,	do	2 00
" Harmann Geiger,	do	2 00
" John Craps, Sen.,	do	1 00
" Rev. S. Elliot,	Columbia,	50 00
" John Bryce,	do	20 00
" William Law,	do	20 00
" A. Blanding,	do	10 00
" John Crawford,	do	10 00
" R. W. Barnwell,	do	10 00
" Rev. P. J. Shand,	do	10 00
" J. S. Scott,	do	10 00
" J. E. Smith,	do	10 00
" Robert Bryce,	do	10 00
" A. C. Squire,	do	5 00
" T. Anderson,	do	5 00
" Andrew Crawford,	do	5 00
" S. Crane,	do	5 00
" W. Cunningham,	do	5 00
" Peter Bryce,	do	5 00
" G M. Thompson.	do	5 00
" James Gregg,	do	5 00
" J. D. Treadwell,	do	5 00
" J. S Guignard,	do	5 00
" Richard Sondley,	do	10 00
" Mrs. Elizabeth Bell,	do	5 00
" John A. Kennedy,	do	5 00
" John Ewart,	do	3 00
" Dr. E. Sill	do	2 00
" S Weir,	do	2 00
" Wm. Barclay,	do	1 00
" Col. A. Perkins,	Edge. Dist.	10 00
" M. Mims,	do	5 00
" Rev. W. B. Johnson,	do	5 00
" Wm. Prothro,	do	5 00
" Wm. Prothro, Jun.,	do	5 00
" Wm. Dowde,	do	5 00
" Wm. Penn,	do	5 00
" A Lady,	do	3 00
" S. Goode,	do	3 00
" A. B Addison,	do	2 00
" Dr. Goodwin,	do	2 00
" N. L. Griffin,	do	2 00
" B. Corley,	do	1 00
" Mrs S. Harden,	do	1 00
" H. Minor,	do	1 00
" H. Harrington,	do	1 00
" H. Brunson,	do	3 00
" S Haskins & S. Kirksey,	do	1 00
" Collection at Baptist church Newberry Court House,		38 12½
" Hon. Job Johnson	do	20 00
" Joseph Hunter,	do	5 00
" F. Schumpert,	do	3 00
" F. W. Boozer,	do	2 00
" Jacob Long,	do	2 00
" Wm. & J. Bedenbaugh,	do	1 50
" H. W. Sullivan,	Hamburgh,	5 00
" Several small donations,	do	1 25
" Wm. Ernenputch,	Augusta,	10 00

Cash by W. Muller,	Augusta,	5 00
" Jona. Rahn,	Ebenezer, Ga.	5 00
" J. B. Berry,	do	5 00
" Benjamin Gnann,	do	5 00
" William Rahn,	do	5 00
" E. Keiffer,	do	2 00
" Jacob Gnann,	do	1 00
" Israel Weitmann,	do	1 00
" Several donations,	do	3 25
" Collection at the Lutheran Church,		14 66
" Thomas Purse,	Savannah,	25 00
" John M. Cooper,	do	10 00
" Joseph Felt,	do	10 00
" Mrs. C. E. Genahls,	do	10 00
" Miss C. A Mealy,	do	10 00
" John Wagner,	do	10 00
" B. E. Hand,	do	10 00
" A. Sibley,	do	5 00
" James Palen,	do	5 00
" A. Borchert,	do	5 00
" D. J. McKenzie,	do	5 00
" W. E. Long,	do	5 00
" C. H. Arnold,	do	5 00
" Mrs. S. Little,	do	5 00
" Mrs. E. M. Herb,	do	5 00
" Mrs. Margaret Herb,	do	5 00
" Mrs. Isabella Brower,	do	5 00
" Mrs. E. C. Stow,	do	5 00
" John Murchison,	do	5 00
" Willam Herb,	do	5 00
" Dr. J. F. Posey,	do	5 00
" Mrs. L. Cooper,	do	5 00
" Mrs. S. Hemerling,	do	5 00
" Mrs. C. Barthelmess,	do	5 00
" Mrs. S. Cooper,	do	5 00
" Mrs. N. Weitmann,	do	5 00
" Mrs. Fell,	do	5 00
" S. Bird,	do	5 00
" J. B Spann,	do	5 00
" Elias Read,	do	5 00
" B. Sneider,	do	5 00
" John W Anderson,	do	5 00
" Wm. H. Holton,	do	3 00
" Mrs Sisson,	do	3 00
" A present,	do	2 50
" P. Kalb,	do	2 00
" Mrs. L. White,	do	2 00
" Miss S. Rodgers,	do	2 00
" Mrs. Cornwall,	do	2 00
" Mrs. Thomas,	do	2 00
" Mrs. Holton,	do	1 00
" Mrs. Hislop,	do	1 00
" B F Dunkin, Charleston, 4th inst.		50 00
" John Strohecker, Charleston, 4th inst.		50 00
July 1st.		
" Dividend of 6 shares C. B. S, at 1,50 per share,		9 00
" Daniel Leapheart, (interest,)		98 00
Oct. 1st.		
" Dividend of 6 shares C. B. S. at 1,00 per share,		6 00
Nov. 13th.		
" A friend for interest,		7 00
" George Eichelberger,		5 00
" John C. Hope, for interest,		17 50
" John C. Hope, bill of his subscription,		22 00

Cash by W. Caughman and Meetze, interest,	6 50	Dr. May 16th, 1837. To cash paid Rev. P. A. Strobel for 4½ months compensation at 30,00 per month,	135 00
" Jacob Moser, bal. of his subscription,	4 00	" Paid the same for commission of $1205,88½ at $10,	120 48½
" Col. W. Kunhardt, his last interest,	10 00	" For postage of letters,	75
	$10405 04	Nov. 13th. " Paid to Rev P. A. Strobel in a bad five dollar bill,	5 00
Nov. 13. By balance in Bonds and Cash,	$10143 80½	" To Balance	10143 80½
			$10405 04

HENRY MULLER,
Treasurer.

Charleston, Nov. 15th, 1837.

The committee to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer of the Seminary, report that they have examined the same, and find it correct. The Treasurer produced the Bonds and Certificates of stock amounting to $9990,47, and has cash balance of $153,33½, making a total of $10143 80½

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN EICHELBERGER,
THOMAS PURSE,
JACOB F. MINTZING, } *Committee.*

November 15th, 1837.

The Treasurer of the Seminary with the securities approved of by Synod, have entered into bond for the faithful performance of the duties of the office, which bond has been placed in the hands of the Secretary.

Adopted.

XVI. *Resolved unanimously,* In as much as the Treasurer of our Seminary has been so unwearied engaged in promoting the best interests of the Seminary in which he has been successful beyond our most sanguine hopes, that the thanks of this Synod be returned to Mr. Henry Muller, the Treasurer of the Seminary, for the faithful and successful manner in which his duties have been performed.

Ordered, That the subject of the church convention be called up for the consideration of this Body.

Requested, That the Lay Delegates express their opinion on this subject. Wherefore, they all stated the pleasing intelligence that the churches generally were in favor of a convention for the specified purposes.

Whereas the Synod has ascertained, that the people attached to our church within the bounds of the Synod are almost unanimously in favor of holding a convention, for the purpose mentioned in certain resolutions of the Synodical meetings of 1835 and '36, as also in a circular of the Rev. President, dated Savannah, May 4th, 1837. Therefore,

XVII. *Resolved,* That each congregation numbering less than one hundred communicants be entitled to one delegate, all over one hundred and under one hundred and fifty, to two, and all over one hundred and fifty to three.

XVIII. *Resolved,* That all ordained ministers, as all Licentiates, who have charge of churches, be members of said convention. In view of the places proposed by the proper authorities,

XIX. *It was Resolved*, That the meeting of the convention be held at St. Matthew's Church, Orangeburgh District, to convene on Friday the 2nd of March, 1838, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

It being in rotary order,

XX. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of Synod be held in Savannah, to convene on Saturday, the 10th of Nov. 1838.

Upon request and satisfactory reasons assigned, the Synod granted Brs. Cloy and Delegate, leave of absence from to-morrow morning.

Also ordered, that Br. Rauch have leave of absence at the same time.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the President, at the close of this meeting, tender to the proprietors of the "Hall of the German Friendly Society," and friends and members of St. John's Church, the thanks of this Synod, for the kind accommodations which has been received at their hands.

Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Moser. Sermons preached in the evening,

By Rev. Bedenbaugh, in the Lutheran church, from 2 Cor. iv. 5 verse.

" J. D. Scheck, in the Methodist Protestant church, from 1 Kings, xix. 9 verse.

" P. A. Strobel, in Trinity church, from ————

FIFTH SESSION, THURSDAY MORNING, Nov. 16th, 1837.

Prayer by the Rev. Hungerpealer. Minutes of the preceeding session read and confirmed. The proceedings of the third session of the session of the Ministerium read for information to the Synod. Completed the formation of the Synodical Missionary Society, by complying with constitution previously adopted, in attending to the election of the necessary officers. Recorded in its proper place.

REPORT NO. XIV.

The Committee on Dr. Bachman's sermon respectfully report,

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, the chairman addressing a letter a letter to Dr. Bachman according to the spirit of the resolution of Synod, No. I. to which a favorable answer was received. The committee have in consequence, made the necessary arrangements, according to resolution No. II. for the printing of 2000 copies to be ready for delivery in three weeks from this date, Nov. 16th, 1837.

ERNEST L. HAZELIUS,
THOMAS PURSE.
JACOB F. MINTZING.
H. MULLER.

Received and adopted.

Hereupon the members of Synod generally pledged themselves to the committee to receive for circulation in their respective neighborhoods, a certain number of copies, at the specified price of 12½ cents per copy.

XXII. *Resolved*, That Dr. Hazelius preach the opening sermon at the meeting of the church convention.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be furnished with a copy of the

constitution of the Seminary, and that he have it appended to the Minutes. (See Appendix B.)

REPORT NO. XV.

The Missionary Committee to whom the report of the Rev. J. D. Scheck was referred, beg leave to say,

1. That said report has been taken into consideration by them, that your Missionary himself altered the time of service mentioned from six to five months. (But on further statements of Synod ordered that he receive pay for six months.)

2. The town of Cusseta, in Chamber county, Alabama, is recommended to your Body as a station deserving the attention of the ministers or candidates of our church.

3. Monroeville, Alabama, is represented as holding out greater inducements for the immediate settlement of a pious and active minister, than any other with which your missionary is acquainted.

4. The German settlement in the vicinity of the town of Selma, on the Alabama River, opens, according to the report of Rev. Scheck, an important field, and deserves the consideration of this Body.

5. In Marion county, Georgia, your Missionary organized a church, and recommends this place as a very important station to Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ERNEST L. HAZELIUS,
WEST CAUGHMAN,
H. MULLER,
} *Committee on Missions.*

Adopted.

Rev. Bachman in the chair.

REPORT NO. XVI.

The Report of the Board of Directors of the Seminary for 1837.

This institution still continues to prosper, as well as could be supposed, greatly so, if we consider the limited boundaries within which her students are to be drawn. The Professor has enjoyed uninterrupted health during the past year, and the same has been the case with the students, with but a slight variation. The plan of management, and the course of studies, have not been changed, either is perhaps the best that could be adopted. The young men are studious in their habits, and exemplary in their conduct. The Board fondly indulges the hope, that the examination of the graduates, as they shall successively come before this body for trial and licensure, will fully verify the favorable statements made, from time to time, by the Directors.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS CONNECTED WITH THE SEMINARY.

There have been twelve students, directly and indirectly, connected with the Seminary during the past year. They are, Messrs. P. Kistler, J. F. W. Leopard, and G. W. Brown, from North-Carolina; G. Scherrer, from Virginia; W. Sharts, from New-York; J. B. Margart, and R. L. Estrange, from Charleston; G. Haltiwanger, Jr., from Edgefield District; S. R. Shephard, from Newberry District; W. G. Harter,

from Barnwell District; H. Stoudenmyre, from Orangeburg District, and J. Crim, from Lexington District, South-Carolina. Five of the above named brethren are to be regarded as the preparandi. The others, excepting the graduates, who are Messrs. Harter, Crim and Stoudenmyre, are progressing in the different stages of the course of their studies. Mr. Margart was permitted to return to Charleston, to prosecute his preparatory studies, where the Board is happy to learn that he is making favorable advances, and hopes that he will not fail to return to the Seminary as soon as he is ready to enter upon his theological course. Mr. Shepherd has been instructing the youth during the past summer, to increase his pecuniary resources, and is confidently expected to resume his Theological studies again the ensuing session. From the proper sources of information, the Board is prepared to state, that the examinations have been regularly attended to, and the students have, in their opinion, acquitted themselves honorably, bearing flattering testimony to their studiousness and talents, and to the skill and ability of their Professors' instructions.

Messrs. Wm. G. Harter, Jacob Crim and Henry Stoudenmyre, have finished their course of studies, and are therefore entitled to graduating diplomas. They had been brought forward at this meeting of Synod by the proper person and time, for further examination and licensure to preach the gospel, which the Board trusts will be granted by the Ministerium. The Board are sorry to say, that sickness has prevented Mr. Stoudenmyre from attending your meeting, but it is expected that the Ministerium will adopt the requisite measures for his examination and licensure ad interim. The Board would further state, that, in consequence of strenuous efforts made during last year, the funds of the Seminary have so far increased, as to make the ten thousand dollars originally fixed upon available in the payment of the Professor's salary. This, together with the interest arising from the funded capital of the Synod of North-Carolina, for the same purpose, which is to be sent annually to the Treasurer of the Seminary, will be sufficient to endow the first Professorship of out institution.

But a serious inconvenience attends the place where the Professor and students carry on the exercises of the institution. It arises necessarily from the keeping of the Classical school in the lower part of the same house in which the Theological exercises are attended. The locality of the two departments, with the circumstances attending them, render it clear to a demonstration, that if the exercises of the institute are to be attended with that satisfaction and profit as is desirable to the Professor, Student and Board, that some provision must be made to remedy this evil. The Board have taken the matter into serious consideration, and have at length concluded to recommend the following plan to effect a remedy. That a lecture room be built some where on the Seminary land, at the same time to be large enough to contain the Library, which is in danger of fire where it now is. provided the sum of about three hundred and fifty or four hundred dollars can be raised for this purpose. And would further recommend, as perhaps the best mode of raising the necessary sum, that the Synod, at its present meeting, resolve to open a subscription among its members, to ascertain, in as short a time as possible, how much money each one may be able to

raise for this purpose, and that as soon as the effort be made by them on their return home, that the result be reported to Messrs. Muller and Caughman, and if they should deem the amount sufficient to justify it, they proceed to have the said building constructed.

The Board have no other suggestions or recommendations to make at this time, and after expressing their ardent prayer for the prosperity of this infant institution. respectfully submit the above report to your consideration. WEST CAUGHMAN, *Chairman of the Board.*

J. C. HOPE, *Secretary.*

Received and adopted.

In reference to that paragraph in the above report, recommending the erection of a Lecture Room,

XXIV. *Resolved*, That every member of this Synod be requested to raise subscription for building a Lecture Room for the Seminary, and that they report to Messrs. Caughman and Muller, the amount subscribed by the first of January next.

Hereupon the members of Synod generally stated the amount which they supposed that they likely could raise for that purpose.

Mr J. Eichelberger was now excused from further attendance on Synod. The Synod had a recess for one hour to enable the Ministerium to hold a short meeting. Synod resumed its business again after the adjournment of the Ministerium.

The Minutes of the preceding session of the Ministerium read for information to the Synod. Rev. E. A. Bolles obtained leave of absence. In view of suggestions made from various sources already,

XXV. *Resolved*, That, as Mr. Crim has expressed a willingness to labor among the colored population of this State, the Synod rejoices in this resolution of our brother, and prays that the blessings of God may rest upon his labors.

Thus ended the business of this Synod at its present meeting. There was much business of importance transacted with zeal and promptness, and with as much or more union of sentiment and enlargement of mind and soul, as at any previous meeting of this body. All its deliberations were the result of united counsel and wisdom, tempered with the spirit of caution, truth and love—and as such, may we not hope that the rich blessings of heaven will rest upon them and upon us, and ours. Amen.

Prayer by the Reverend President.

Synod adjourned.

SERVICES OF ORDINATION AND LICENSURE.

In conformity to the resolutions of the Ministerium, the services of ordination and licensure were attended to in the Church on Thursday evening. A considerable congregation having assembled to witness the services and to partake in the general feeling of devotion. The Rev. J. C. Hope preached the ordination and licensure sermon from Math. xxviii: 19th and 20th verses. "*Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*"

The President then invited the candidate before the altar, proposed to him the questions in the Constitution by which our body is governed, and then, assisted by Drs. Hazelius and Bachman, proceeded to ordain Rev. Wm. Berly to the Gospel Ministry, by the imposition of hands and a solemn prayer to a throne of grace for divine assistance. The President next invited the recently examined graduates to the altar, asked them the prescribed questions, which being answered in the affirmative, after solemn and united prayer, Mr. Wm. G. Harter and Jacob Crim were acknowledged as licensed candidates of the Gospel Ministry, entitled to their certificates of acceptance and licensure. The President now, in compliance with the resolution of Synod, tendered its thanks to the brethren of this Church for the kind and hospitable manner in which we had been received and entertained among them.

Services concluded with prayer and benediction by the Reverend President.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct extract of the proceedings of the Fourteenth Meeting of the Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States.

JOHN CHRISTIAN HOPE,
Secretary of Synod.

SESSIONS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

First Meeting of the Ministerium, Saturday, P. M. Nov. 11th.

Ministerium commenced the business regularly coming under its direction.

1. *Resolved*, That Messrs. Haltiwanger, Bolles and Bernhart be appointed a Committee to examine and report on the Journals and Sermons of the Licentiates as soon as possible. It being stated by some of the Licentiates that their Sermons, &c., were not immediately at hand. It was

2. *Resolved*, That those Licentiates be required to hand over their Sermons and Journals, as soon as convenient, into the hands of the Committee.

The Report of the Professor, in reference to the graduated students, Messrs. Harter, Crim and Stoudenmyre, which was read before the Synod, and referred to the Ministerium as Paper No. 1, was now read and acted on, by resolution.

3. *Resolved*, That a Committee of two be appointed, whereof the Secretary is a member ex-officio, to examine the proposed graduates, with a view to licensure on Tuesday, 2 o'clock, P. M.—Committee: Messrs. Hazelius and Mealy.

Several documents read before the Synod, numbered and referred to the Ministerium, were now taken up, considered, and the matter referred to in them amicably adjusted.

Ministerium adjourned.

Second Session, Monday Evening, Nov. 13th.

As the question of Missionating among the colored population was referred to the Ministerium,

4. *Resolved,* That the settling of the question of laboring among the coloured population be laid over for future consideration. In as much as the graduates, Messrs. Harter and Crim, sustained a satisfactory examination.

5. *Resolved,* That William G. Harter, of Barnwell District, and Jacob Crim, of Lexington District, Sandy Run, receive a full license on Thursday evening.

In as much as Mr. Henry Stoudenmyre, one of the proposed graduates, was prevented from attending our meeting, on account of sickness, and is desirous of going to Alabama to seek a field of useful labor,

6. *Resolved,* That a Committee be appointed to examine Mr. Stoudenmyre during the recess of the Synod, and if they report favorable to the President, that the proper officers of Synod grant him a full license accordingly. Committee: Messrs. Hazelius, Hope and Haltiwanger. It being stated that Mr. Wm. Berley was likely to be called to the pastoral charge of some Churches the ensuing year, therefore,

7. *Resolved,* That Mr. Wm. Berley be ordained to the Gospel Ministry on the same evening of the licensure of the graduates.

8. *Resolved,* That the delegates to the North-Carolina Synod be instructed to effect some arrangement between the two Synods in granting licenses to the graduates of our Seminary, and in the mode of receiving them as members of each Synodical body, and in receiving them from one body as members to the other.

Ministerium adjourned.

THIRD SESSION, THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 16TH.

The letters received at this Synod from brother S. Baughtnight, which were referred to the Ministerium, were now read and considered.

As it appears to the Ministerium from these letters and other verbal statements, that brother Baughtnight's attachment to his brethren and the cause of the Synod, remains undiminished, and that he is still unwilling to be idle in his Master's cause, in a public capacity, therefore,

9. *Resolved,* That the license of brother Baughtnight be renewed as a student of divinity, and that he be under the directing care of Rev. L. Bedenbaugh, with the prayer that he may be usefully employed in aiding forward the cause of our beloved Church.

The communication from the Church at Monroeville, Alabama, which was read before the Synod, and referred to the Ministerium, was read. It contained a description of the state of the society, its desire to be favored with the Gospel, and petitioned for the labors of Rev. J. D. Scheck as a Missionary.

10. *Resolved,* That the part of the letter referring to Ministers lie over for consideration—sine die.

11. *Resolved,* That the second part of the letter referring to Missionary aid, in the supply of the Church, be referred to the next session.

Ministerium adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION, TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

In view of that part of the letter from Monroeville requiring Missionary aid, the amount of funds already expended in the formation of that field of labor, and of the state of the finances of the Synod, therefore,

12. *Resolved,* That the Ministerium cannot make an appropriation for the Church at Monroeville, as our expenditures and appropriations already exceed our revenues.

13. *Resolved,* That the Ministerium is willing that Mr. Harter go to the West to occupy a field of labor, provided he can make arrangements with the congregations at Saltketcher's, to whom he has given a conditional promise of being their pastor. The reasons which lead the Ministerium to express this willingness are, that there have been several districts of labor in Alabama and Georgia reported to this Synod and Ministerium, which ought to claim the immediate attention of those of our number, who are seeking a suitable and useful field for their future exertions.

In view of the improvement which our esteemed brother is making in knowledge, and of his being called to the pastoral charge of a Church, therefore,

14. *Resolved,* That Mr. D. Hungerpealer receive a full license this evening. In compliance with the order of the Constitution of the Synod, and the nature of the case, therefore,

15. *Resolved,* That the Ministerium *unanimously confirm* the Report which the Committee made to the Synod in reference to the case of Mr. Dreher, and which was *unanimously adopted.* Thus ended the business of the Ministerium. Wherever they have erred, may the Lord forgive, and wherever they have done right and Christian like, may the blessings of heaven rest upon their deliberations. Amen.

I certify that the foregoing is a faithful record of the proceedings of the Ministerium. JOHN C. HOPE,

Secretary of the Ministerium.

APPENDIX.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

My dearly beloved Brethren,

Another year has elapsed since we last assembled in Annual Convention, to unite our deliberations and our prayers for promoting the interests—temporal and spiritual—of that portion of the church of Christ with which we are connected. The manner in which we have discharged our respective duties during the past year, both as ministers and laymen, has already been inscribed upon the unerring registry of heaven—and happy will it be for us in the great day of eternity, if the record shall then appear as a voucher of our fidelity to God, in the several stations in which we are placed.

At the opening of our present Synodical Session, our devout thanksgivings are due to the great Parent of all our mercies, to whose sustaining energy and providential care we owe it, that our lives have been preserved through another year,—that our individual and social blessings have been continued to us,—that our means of usefulness have been expanded,—and that the prospects of our Zion have been brightened.

In consequence of the unavoidably recurring sameness of the topics, to which a narrative of the affairs of the Church compels the presiding officer of the Synod to confine his remarks, I should despair of enlisting your feelings, or even of fixing your attention, were I not convinced from a knowledge of the past, that every circumstance having a bearing, however slight, upon the interests of our Church, is regarded as important by my brethren of the same household of faith. It is this persuasion that inspires me with confidence to lay before you a sketch of the official transactions in which I have been engaged during the past year. And although it will become my duty to report some subjects of a painful nature, yet others will be presented of a complexion calculated to cheer our hearts, and strengthen our hands, and to elicit our warmest gratitude to God.

Soon after the rising of our last Synod, in obedience to the instructions of the Synod, I forwarded a letter to Benjamin F. Dunkin, Esqr. apprizing him of his appointment by this Body, as a delegate to the General Synod. I also transmitted letters to the Rev. Mr. Harris, at Mobile, and to Mr. David Coogle, Hamburg, Marion County, Geo. conformably to resolutions vii. and vii., of the first session of our last Ministerium.

The congregation at Ebenezer, formerly under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Scheck, having invited the Rev. Mr. Bolles to become their pastor, and expressed a wish to have him ordained in his own Church,—I wrote to Dr. Bachman to engage his assistance at the ordination. On the 12th of March he was accordingly ordained and installed as Pastor of the said Church. The Rev. Dr. Bachman preached the Ordination sermon,—the congregation was large, and the occasion impressive.

On the 4th of May, in obedience to resolution xxviii. of the last session of Synod, I distributed a circular letter among our ministers, stating the objects of a Convention of the Churches proposed to be held within our bounds. The hope is cherished that we shall be favored with the views of all our congregations, at this session, on this important subject.

On the 21st of May, I received a letter from the Rev. Philip A. Strobel, stating that the Treasurers of the Synod and of the Seminary had deemed it advisable, in consequence of the general pecuniary embarrassments of our country, to suspend his operations as collecting Agent for the Seminary till the present meeting of the Synod. Subsequently, another communication reached me from Mr. Stro-

bel, informing me that he had concluded to settle himself in Concord, No. Ca. and requesting a certificate of dismissal from this Synod,—which was accordingly awarded to him.

The thanks of this Synod are due to the Rev. Mr. Strobel, for the successful manner in which he discharged the arduous, and in many respects, unpleasant duties of his agency. From a statement, of the result of his operations, with which he has favored me, and which will be submitted to the Synod, it appears that notwithstanding the limited term of his engagement, and the many disadvantages with which he had to contend, he succeeded in collecting in cash, and in subscriptions yet unpaid, $1317 38½ cts. This sum will place the funds of our Seminary somewhat in advance of ten thousand dollars, the amount of funded capital which was originally deemed necessary to the permanent support of the Seminary,—and the salary of our Professor will now be rendered certain, without the necessity of evying any further contributions upon our churches for this purpose.

On the 30th of May, I was put in receipt of a letter from the Rev. Elijah Hawkins, apprising me of his intention to take charge of sundry congregations in Smythe county, Virginia, and requesting a dissolution of his connexion with this Synod. His request was complied with.

On the 18th of June I was furnished, through the hands of their Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Haltiwanger, with a copy of the proceedings of a Committee of consultation, composed of the following gentlemen, the Rev. Messrs. Hazelius, Rauch, Hope, Bedenbaugh and Haltiwanger, and convened on the 11th of May, in Lexington District. This Committee assembled on the suggestion of some of our senior clerical brethren, for the purpose of conferring with the Rev. Mr. Dreher, relative to the introduction by him of certain ministers into his churches, who are known to be hostile to the doctrines and institutions of the Lutheran Church, and whose pulpit exercises, in the opinion of three of our ordained ministers, were calculated to sow the seeds of discord and confusion among our congregations in the country. After an interchange of letters with the Rev. Mr. Dreher, on this subject, and a subsequent personal interview with him which proved unsatisfactory, the Committee passed a resolution to refer the whole matter to the Presiding Officer of the Synod, requesting him to apply such a remedy for the evil, as in his opinion the Constitution of the Synod might provide. On referring carefully to the Constitution, and the case appearing to me to come fairly under the instructions of chapter v. sec. 6th and 7th of that instrument, after mature reflection, I wrote on the 28th of June, to the Rev. Messrs. Hazelius, Rauch, Hope, Haltiwanger, Bernhard, Clay, Aull, and Bedenbaugh, appointing them a Special Committee to meet at Lexington Village, on the 26th of July, for the purpose of communicating with the Rev. Mr. Dreher, on the subjects of complaint alleged against him. To the chairman of that Committee, I forwarded sundry interrogatories, growing out of the subject at issue, to be proposed to the Rev. Mr. Dreher, at the discretion of the chairman, which I then thought, and still believe, if frankly replied to, would be calculated to heal this unpleasant breach. I also despatched a letter to the Rev. Mr. Dreher, informing him of the time, and place, and object of the above meeting of ministers, and urged upon him to attend to answer in his own defence. On the 30th of July, I received a communication from the Rev. Dr. Hazelius, chairman of the Committee, and a few days subsequently a detailed report from the Secretary of the Committee, which conveyed the intelligence that the Committee had discharged the duty assigned them, at the time and place designated in their appointment. That the Rev. Mr. Dreher, was present at the meeting, and positively declined responding to the questions proposed to him, except on conditions to which the Committee did not feel at liberty to consent, and to which this Synod cannot accede, without compromising the honor and integrity of its members. The Committee having then informed Mr. Dreher, that they would feel themselves constrained to recommend his suspension from the ministerial office until the present meeting of Synod, unless, on the suggestion of the Chairman, he should think proper voluntarily to dissolve his connexion with this Body, and separate from us on terms of peace,—he adopted the latter alternative, and in conjunction with the Chairman of the Committee, signed a written agreement to that effect, which is now in my possession. Copies of the entire correspondence touching this painful subject, together with the necessary vouchers, will be laid before the Ministerium.

Communications received from our delegates to the General Synod, enables me to state, that they were fraternally welcomed by that Ecclesiastical Body, and that all its proceedings were characterized by a spirit of enlightened zeal and of christian unanimity. Without intending to anticipate the cheering report which will doubtless be submitted by our delegates at the present session, it will not be amiss to remark,—that the establishment of a Foreign Missionary Society by the General Synod, may justly be regarded as forming an important era in the history of the Lutheran Church in the United States. It will become a part of our duty at this meeting of the Synod to devise some plan, calculated to foster the spirit; and to promote the enlarged objects of benevolence espoused by that Society. In our own section of the Church, our brethren in Lexington District have already led the way in this work of christian philanthrophy. They have formed themselvs into a society auxiliary to the parent institution, and their corresponding secretary, Mr. Henry Muller, with that promptitude which marks all his efforts in the Master's service, has distributed a circuiar letter among the churches in our connexion, inviting them to unite their prayers and their donations in furtherance of this great cause. Before passing from this subject, I would respectfully suggest to the Synod, as perhaps the most efficient method of advancing the philanthropic views of the Foreign Missionary Society, that this Body should forthwith resolve itself into an auxiliary Missionary Society, and that it be recommended to all our ministers to present the subject of missions to their congregations, and that they lift collections every year to be thrown into our Synodical Missionary fund. I am persuaded that in this way a much larger sum might be annually raised, than if it were left discretionary with our people to embark in this enterprise or not. I am persuaded that in this way, our people would feel themselves more emphatically summoned to "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." In the mean time, for the present year, a donation might be sent from our Synodical treasury, as an earnest of our attachment to the cause of foreign missions.

The minutes of the last meeting of the North-Carolina Synod have been received, and will be laid before you. A reference to the proceedings of our brethren in our sister State, will show that they have evinced a zeal and a kindly feeling in behalf of our Seminary, which affords an encouraging evidence that they will make common cause with us in perpetuating the existence, and in promoting the usefulness of this literary institution. The combined exertions of both Synods, identified as we are in many respects in our political and domestic institutions, can hardly fail at no distant day, to make our Seminary as efficient an auxiliary to our communion at the South, as its kindred institutions at Hartwick, Gettysburg and Columbus, have proved to our church at the North and the West.

With regard to the precise condition of the churches in connexion with this Synod, I must refer you for information to the parochial reports of our ministers, From the sources of intelligence accessible to me, I am enabled however to state, that, amid much which should fill our minds with sorrow, and the removal of which calls for our united and continued prayers to God,—Yet that a truly evangelical spirit pervades our churches generally, and that the power as well as the form of religion exists among the great body of our people. Though much still remains to be done, to restore peace to some few of our distracted congregations, and to give prevalence to vital piety among them,—Yet so far as we may judge from external evidences, the history of our Zion during the past year furnishes strong ground of confidence, that the attachment of our people to the doctrines and institutions of our church continues unimpaired, that the favor of the Lord is still extended towards this branch of his church, and that he will bless with still greater success our faithful endeavors to perform his will, and to advance his glory.

As I may not again have an opportunity to address you in my present relation to this Body, I would seize the passing occasion to recommend to the Synod, that some provision should be made for the religious instruction of that portion of our colored population within our bounds, who are disconnected with any christian church. What action should be had upon this important subject, I must leave to the united wisdom of this Synod to determine. n the Lutheran congregation in this city, the instruction of the colored people long since received that attention which its importance demands, and perhaps in no other congregation in our country do the colored members possess greater advantages for obtaining the essential elements of religious knowledge. The great majority of denominations in our

land have given this subject their prayerful consideration,—and since God, in his inscrutable providence, has thrown this class of our race among us, it becomes our imperative duty to provide as well for their spiritual as for their temporal wants, and to use our best endeavors that they do not suffer for lack of that knowledge, which maketh wise unto salvation. It is my deliberate impression, that there are hundreds of this sadly neglected people, who, if rightly approached, would become worthy members of our communion.

I feel that I may not close this report, without urging again upon your attention the claims of our Theological School. Let not our success of the past year induce for one moment the impression, that this institution will no longer require our aid. Although the position it now occupies is calculated to fill our hearts with joy, and to inspire us with bright hopes for the future,—still it is manifest that it has not yet reached that point, beyond which farther assistance will be unnecessary. A vast labor yet remains before us to be performed. Judging from the present cheering indications, we shall need at no distant day the services of an adjunct Professor, the means of whose support in such an event should be anticipated. The library of the Seminary is yet small and imperfect. We need too an edifice to be used solely for Seminary purposes, and many other things are requisite to meet the wants of the Institution. Now these are results which can alone be accomplished by that indispensable auxiliary—Money. Other similar Institutions have been amply endowed by the single effort of some generous christian spirit, not unseldom at a dying hour, whose wealth was commensurate with the impulse of his benevolence. Our Seminary has enjoyed no such advantages. The circumstances of our people in general do not warrant our looking for them. Our beginning was humble, and our progress must be gradual. Let then our School of the prophets still receive our united efforts, and our untiring prayers. Let each remember his responsibilities, and labor to discharge with fidelity his individual obligations to this nursery of our Southern Church. Let the rich give of their abundance, and let the less fortunate remember to imitate the example of the poor widow in the gospel. Thus far we have signally experienced the divine favor. Let but each member of our Church do his duty, according to his ability, and we shall have no cause to fear for the future.

My brethren of the clergy, and of the laity, in the important duties which lie before us, it is our honor and happiness to know, that we are co-workers with God. Be ours the ambition to bear the heat and burden of the day, in this glorious service. "In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening withhold not your hand." Let each range himself under the banner of Christ. Let each be found at his post, and faithful to duty. Let each buckle on his armor in the cause of God, and be steadfast and immoveable to the end. So when the eternal fiat shall go forth, "that time was, but that time shall be no longer,"—amid the bursting of tombs, and at the dissolving of creation—we shall come, the parent with his children,—the Sabbath school teacher with his pupils,—the pastor with his flock,—and the faithful missionary with his converts. And so shall we, "meet the Lord in the air," and dwell forever in his presence.

And, now, my brethren, as my term of office expires, according to the limitation of the Constitution, allow me to restore to your hands the official trust with which you have honored me for several years. I am too sensible of the imperfections of my own heart, to hope that I have been exempt from errors, in the discharge of my duties as the presiding officer of this Synod. But that my errors have been other than those of the head, or that my motives were ever diverted from a sincere wish to promote the best interests of the Church,—I am at this hour unconscious. I thank you for the partiality which raised me to this responsible office, and for the kind indulgence which you have uniformly extended towards me, and now, in retiring from office, I trust I can say in the spirit, as well as in the words of the Psalmist, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee."

STEPHEN A. MEALY, President of Synod.

APPENDIX.

[B.]

CONSTITUTION

OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SOUTH-CAROLINA AND ADJACENT STATES.

INTRODUCTION.

It is proper to make a summary statement of the objects aimed at by the founders of this institution, and of the benefits expected from it, in order that its design may be known to the public, and that it may always be sacredly kept in view by its Directors, Professors and Pupils.

ART. 1. *Design of the Institution.*

SEC. 1. Our Theological Institution is designed to provide our churches with pastors, who sincerely believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the word of God ; who will cordially preach the doctrines contained therein, and who acknowledge, that the Augsburgh confession contains the fundamental doctrines of the christian religion.

SEC. 2. It is designed to educate for the ministry young men of piety and talent, by affording gratuitous instruction to any student of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and if in want of means, by defraying also, at least in part, their other necessary expenses, as far as the funds will admit.

SEC. 3. It is designed to increase christian zeal and sound learning among the ministers of our church, that they may be workmen, who need not be ashamed, being qualified rightly to divide the word of truth, and to give unto every hearer, his portion, both of instruction and edification in due season.

SEC. 4. It is designed to incresse the number of ministers, and to make it commensurate with the wants of the church.

ART. II. *Board of Directors.*

SEC. 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of six Clergymen and six Laymen, chosen by the Synod at its present session in the following manner: Four to be elected for one year, four for two and four for three years, so that four members of the Board are to be chosen annually ; viz : two Clergymen and two Laymen.

SEC. 2. Every Director, before he takes his seat as a member of the Board, shall subscribe the following formula, viz: *Sincerly approving the design of the Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Carolina and Adjacent States, I do solemnly declare and promise in the presence of God, that I will faithfully endeavor to carry into effect all the provisions of the Constitution and Statutes of the Seminary, and thus promote the great design thereof.*

SEC. 3. There shall be two regular semi-annual meetings of the Board in each year, if the business of the Seminary require it. The transactions of the business of the Board shall commence immediately after the conclusion of the examination of the Students, at which it shall be the duty of the Directors to attend. Seven members of the board shall form a quorum, provided always, that three of this number shall be ministers of the gospel. But if the Board of Directors should not deem it necessary, to meet in the spring for the despatch of business, or if the Board deem it advisable to meet in any other place than where the Seminary is located, a committee, consisting of four members, two clergymen and two laymen, shall be appointed during the previous meeting of the Board, for the purpose of attending the semi-annual examination of the Theological Students at the close of every Session, and it shall be the duty of said committee to draw up a report of

said examination, to be laid before the Board at their next regular meeting of the same.

Sec. 4. The Board shall annually elect of their own members, a President, Vice-President and Secretary, who shall always be re-eligible. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside, and in case of his absence, the Board shall elect a President pro tempore.

Sec. 5. A special meeting of the Board may be called by the President, or in case of his death or inability to act, by the Vice-President, if deemed necessary by this officer for the despatch of business; but whenever a written request for such a meeting is handed to him, signed at least by two clerical and one lay director, it shall be the duty of the presiding officer to call such special meeting, provided however, that the presented notice of request specifies also the particular business, which is to be transacted at said special meeting, and no business, not in immediate connexion with that specified in the given notice, shall be transacted during the special meeting. The letter of the proper officer, giving notice to the members of the Board of a special meeting, shall be sent at least twenty days before the time appointed for holding the same, to each individual director.

Sec. 6. The Synod shall elect some suitable Layman as Treasurer of the Seminary, who shall be required to give sufficient bond and security. The Treasurer shall receive all monies to be paid into the Treasury, and shall hold them and his office subject to the exclusive direction of the Board. He shall in no case whatever pay out any money, except when ordered by a vote of the Board, and shall render to them at every semi-annual meeting, a faithful statement of his accounts.

Sec. 7. Every meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer; and at every stated meeting in the spring, the whole of the Statutes and Constitution shall be read before the Board of Directors, in order that they may distinctly keep in mind the design of the institution, and the duties incumbent on them.

Sec. 8. The Board shall inaugurate the Professors, and give direction what exercises shall be performed on such occasions. They shall prescribe the course of instruction to be pursued by the Professors; and any professor wishing to introduce an important change in his department from the prescribed course, shall previous to introduction submit the proposed change to the Board for their approbation.

Sec. 9. The Board of Directors shall inspect the fidelity of the Professor, as well with regard to the doctrines actually taught, as to the manner of teaching them. If any just reason be given them to suspect either the orthodoxy, or piety, or habitual diligence or capacity of a Professor, or his devotedness to the interest of the church, it shall be their sacred duty, to institute an investigation at the next regular meeting, or if the case be one of fundamental heterodoxy, they shall call a special meeting for the purpose. If after a candid deliberate investigation they shall judge any Professor guilty of either of the above charges alleged against him, it shall be their sacred duty to depose him from office, to appoint immediately some suitable minister of our church, to conduct pro tempore the instructions of the Seminary, requiring of him the same doctrinal profession and declaration as of the Professor, and to take the earliest constitutional measures to elect a new Professor.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors, to keep a watch over the conduct and interests of the Students, to redress the grievances and to review, sanction or reverse the decision of the Faculty.

Sec. 11 At every stated meeting of the Synod, the Board shall forward to said body, in writing, a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Seminary. The Synod may recommend to the Board any measures which they may deem conducive to the welfare of the institution, and every such recommendation shall be considered at the next regular meeting of the Board, and may be accepted or rejected, as the majority of the Directors present may see fit. Provided always, that on every such measure recommended by Synod, those Directors who are absent, may vote by proxy or letter.

Sec. 12. If there should be at any time a doubt with regard to an applicant for a seat in this Board, whether he is lawfully entitled to such seat according to the constitution of this Seminary, the existing members of the Board, shall decide the

point by vote, and if said vote is equally divided, the case shall be referred to the Synod for decision.

Sec. 13. In the efforts of the Board to promote the grand design of the Seminary and in short all official acts, the Directors shall conform to the constitution of the Seminary and the Statutes on which it is founded; and if at any time any person or persons, connected with the Seminary, should deem himself or themselves aggrieved by an act of this Board, or should suppose the Board to have transcended its constitutional powers, he or they may have redress either by an appeal to the Synod, or if the aggrieved person or person prefer it, to a committee of impartial and pious men, members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, not connected with the Board or Seminary, consisting of five members, two of whom shall be appointed by the aggrieved party, two by the Board, and these four shall nominate the fifth, who are hereby constituted and authorised to judge in such cases, declare null and void, any decision of the Board, from which an appeal is made to them, and which, after mature deliberation they believe to be contrary to the constitution of the Seminary or the Statutes on which it is founded, and with which it must harmonize.

Art. III. *Of the Professors.*

Sec. 1. No person shall be eligible to the office of Professor who is not an ordained pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of high repute for piety and talents.

Sec. 2. Every Professor elect of this institution, shall on the day of his inauguration publicly promise and subscribe the formula pronounced and published by the Directors, and in addition thereto, the following declaration: *I declare, solemnly, in the presence of God, and before the Directors of this Seminary, that I from my heart believe the Scriptures of the Old Testament to be the inspired word of God, and the only rule of our faith and practice. I acknowledge the Augsburgh confession, and the greater and smaller catechism of Luther to have always been considered by our Church in Europe and America as symbolic books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and I believe that they contain the fundamental articles of the Christian Faith, and while I admit, that neither Christ nor his Apostles have laid down in the Scriptures a definite form of government for the christian church, but have left it to the conscience of the branches thereof, to regulate the church government of each individual branch, according to its own views on that subject, I cordially approve of the general principle of church government, adopted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this country, as most in conformity with its free and liberal institutions and not to be inconstent with the word of God; and I do solemnly promise, not to teach any directly or indirectly, or by insinuations, which shall appear to me in any degree more or less remote, inconsistent with the doctrines and principles avowed in this declaration. On the contrary, I promise by the aid of God, to vindicate and inculcate the doctrines of our Lord Jesus Christ and his Apostles, and more especially those of our corrupt state by nature, our need of a Saviour, such as Jesus was, who by his meritorious life, doctrines, sufferings death, resurrection and ascension has opened the way of happiness to all men, who by sincere repentance seek remission of their sins through the atonement, which he has made for us by his blood on the cross. By the same aid, I promise to vindicate and to teach the regeneration of the heart, manifested in a newness of life and conformity with the precepts and example of the Saviour Jesus Christ, the doctrine of the resurrection and a final retribution of the quick and the dead; when our Lord shall bid the finally impenitent to depart and to be separated from him forever, while he will admit the righteous to a participation of that glory, which he enjoys on his Father's Throne.*"

Sec. 3. The Professor or Professors shall have as many lectures and recitations every week during session time, as the branches taught in the three respective classes of the Seminary require. The exercises of each shall be commenced and closed with prayer.

Sec. 4. The Salary of the Professor shall be fixed by the Board, and shall be equal to a comfortable support and provision of a family.

Sec. 5. Should any Professor wish to resign his office, he shall give six months notice of his intention.

Sec. 6. The Professor or Professors of the Seminary, together with five members of the Board, elected by that body for said purpose, shall constitute the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, of which the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Divinity, shall ex-officio, be chairman. Three members of this committee of the Board and the chairman shall be considered a quorum to transact business. If possible, there shall be a regular faculty meeting every fortnight, and extra meetings may be convened by the chairman at the request of any of the members. Said Faculty without the chairman and other Professors of the Seminary may constitute a committee, which according to Article 2d, Section 3d, is to be chosen to attend the examinations of the Students of the Seminary. Every other transaction of the Faculty is to be recorded by its Secretary, to be laid before the Directors at their regular semi-annual meetings.

Sec. 7. The Faculty shall have power to determine the hours of recitation, to examine and decide on all cases of discipline and questions of order, to admit Students, to determine the rules of decorum and duty, which the Students are to observe, which rules shall be publicly read to the Studeuts, at the commencement of each session; to admonish and dismiss any student, who shall prove immoral, or disobedient, or unsound in his religious views, or whom they shall judge on any, account a dangerous and unprofitable member of this institution.

Sec. 8. The Professors, together with the students, shall statedly worship with the church, established in the place in which the Seminary is located.

Art. IV. *Course of Study, Examinations and Vacations.*

Sec. 1. The regular course of instruction and study in the Seminary shall embrace the following branches:—Greek and Hebrew Philology, Sacred Geography. Sacred Chronology, Biblical and Profane History connected, Jewish Antiquities, Philosophy of the Mind, Evidences of Christianity, Biblical Criticism, Exegesis Biblical and Systematic Divinity, Ecclesiastical History, Polemic Theology Church Government, Composition and Delivery of Sermons, and Pastoral Theology.

Sec. 2. The time requisite for a course of study is three years; though students may be received for a shorter time.

Sec. 3 Each student provided with the requisite talent will be expected to pay a reasonable attention to Sacred Music.

Sec. 4. At the close of each Session there shall be a regular examination of all the classes on the studies of that Session, conducted by the Professors in the presence of the Board of Directors, or the Committee appointed by the Board, to attend the examination of the Students of Divinity; and at the close of their course the Senior class shall in like manner be examined on all the studies of the whole course. The thesis of the Senior class shall be assigned them by the Faculty, three months before the time, when they are to be publicly defended.

Sec. 5. No Student shall absent himself from recitation or lecture without having previously obtained the permission of the officiating Professor.

Sec. 6. Every Student shall be required to read an original composition on such subject as the Professor shall appoint, at least once a month, while he is a member of the Institution. And, also, once a month during the whole course each Student shall commit to memory a piece of his own composition, and pronounce it before he Professors and Students.

Art. V.—*Of the Students of the Seminary in particular.*

Sec. 1. It ought to be considered as an object of primary importance by every Student of the Seminary, not to loose that inward practical sense of the powers of godliness to which he may have attained, nor to suffer his intellectual pursuits at all to impair it, but on the contrary, to aim at constant growth in piety and enlightened zeal for the interest of religion, ever remembering, that without this, all his other attainments will be of little value, and must ultimately prove detrimental to the Church. We must remember, too, that this is a species of improvement which must necessarily be left in a great measure to himself as a concern between God and his own soul.

Sec. 2. Religious exercises shall be performed every morning and evening during session time, either by the Professors or such Students as they shall appoint.

Sec. 3. Every Student shall constantly, punctually and seriously, attend these religious exercises, as well as all the meetings for public worship in the Church, and it is expected that all the Theological Students will punctually attend to this regulation, in as much as tardiness, or absence from these exercises, is indicative of lukewarmness and indifference to religion, a state of mind, than which there is none other more dangerous to a Student of Divinity.

Sec. 4. During winter, morning prayers shall be attended to at seven, and evening prayers at five o'clock, and during summer term, at six o'clock morning and evening.

Sec. 5. It is moreover expected, that each Student will in private spend a portion of time every day in devout meditation, self-examination and prayer, and in reading the holy Scriptures, solely for the purpose of practical application to himself. The whole of the Lord's day should be spent in devotional exercises, either social or secret. The books read are to be practical, and all intellectual pursuits not immediately connected with devotion or the religion of the heart, are on that day to be foreborne. In conformity with the laudable custom of other Protestant Churches, there shall be held on the first Monday of every month, a monthly concert of prayer, the main object of which shall be, to implore the Lord that his blessing may rest on the Institution; to which such other exercises may be added as are calculated to promote the growth in grace among the members of the Theological Seminary, and to awaken and keep alive an enlightened Christian zeal in their hearts.

Sec. 6. If any Student shall be charged with levity or inattention to practical religion, he shall be admonished by the Professors, and if after due admonition he persist in his course, he shall be expelled by the Faculty.

Sec. 6. The Professors shall regard it as their most sacred duty, by every means in their power, to promote genuine piety and true devotion among the Students, by inculcating them in all their lectures and instructions, and by warning their pupils against cold formality on the one hand and fanaticism on the other.

Art. VI.—*Of the reception of Students.*

Sec. 1. This Seminary shall be open for the reception of Students of all Christian denominations, possessing the qualifications hereafter specified.

Sect. 2. Every applicant for admission shall produce satisfactory testimonials that he possesses good natural talents, is of prudent and discreet deportment, and in full communion with some regular Church; that he has passed through a regular course of academical studies, or wanting this, he shall submit himself to an examination of his preparatory attainments.

Sec. 3. Every Student, before he takes his station in the Seminary, shall make and subscribe the following declaration: "*I declare it to be my serious intention to devote myself to the work of the gospel ministry, and I solemnly promise that, so long as I remain a member of the Theological Seminary, I will, in reliance on divine grace, faithfully and diligently attend on all the instructions of the Institution; that I will constantly and vigilantly observe all the regulations of the Institution and its by-laws; and that I will pay due respect and obedience to the Professors, treat my fellow Students as brethren, and all other men as becomes the Gospel of Christ.*"

Each Student shall be considered a probationer during the first Session, previous to his matriculation. If after the lapse of this time, he shall have proved himself in the opinion of the Professor, unfit to proceed, he shall report the fact to the Directors, who, if they are of the same opinion, shall dismiss him from the Seminary.

Sec. 4. Habitual diligence and industry in study shall be required of all the Students, unless the want of health prevent, for which the Professors shall make due allowance.

Sec. 5. Every Student shall treat his teacher with the greatest deference and respect, and all persons with civility; and all Students shall yield a prompt and ready obedience to all the lawful requisitions of the Professors and Directors.

Sec. 6. Cleanliness in dress shall be observed by every Student, but all excessive expense in clothing is strictly prohibited.

Art. VII.—*Of the Library.*

Sec. 1. The acquisition of a select and comprehensive Library shall be considered an object of the highest importance to the Seminary.

Sec. 2. The Directors shall therefore, from time to time make such arrangements as they shall deem best calculated to obtain the object in view, and so soon as the state of the funds will permit, they shall make some appropriation for the purchase of the most necessary works.

Sec. 3. A Librarian shall be appointed by the Directors for such time as they think proper.

Sec. 4. A suitable room shall be appropriated for the library, and shelves shall be erected and divided into alcoves. If any Synod, or individual, shall nearly, or entirely fill one of the compartments, the name of the donor shall be conspicuously placed over it.

Sec. 5. The Librarian shall keep a correct catalogue of all the books in the library, and of all the donors who have made contributions to it.

Sec. 6. No person shall have a right to borrow books except the Professors and Students of the Seminary.

Sec. 7. The Librarian shall form a detailed system of regulations, embracing the items specified in the Constitution for the management of the library, which after having been sanctioned by the Directors, shall remain in force, subject to the amendment or revisal of the Board.

Sec. 8. The stated time for loaning and returning books shall be every Friday evening after prayers, during Session time: nor shall the library be open in the intermediate time, excepting by the Professors, to whom the key of the library shall at any time be given.

Sec. 9. A list of the most necessary books shall be presented to the Directors by the Professors, in order that those books which are most necessary may be purchased first.

Sec. 10. Books, which are of such a size or nature, that they ought rarely be taken from the library, shall be used in the library room during library hours, provided always, that they may be taken out by the Professors or by a Student, who shall have obtained a written order from a Professor.

Art. VIII.—*Of Beneficiaries.*

Sec. 1. One of the prominent objects of this Institution shall be to defray either in whole or in part the necessary expenses of indigent young men, destined to the Gospel ministry.

Sec. 2. The Directors shall therefore, as early as possible, devise such measures as may appear to them calculated to effect this object.

Sec. 3. No person shall be received as a beneficiary who does not furnish satisfactory testimonials, that he is possessed of distinguished natural talents and piety. And if at any time it shall appear to the Professors, that any beneficiary of this Institution does not make such progress in learning and piety as might be expected, he shall no longer profit by the charitable funds of the Seminary.

Sec. 4. Students in want of means shall be exempted from all the expences of the Seminary as far as the state of the funds will permit.

Art. IX.—*Of the Funds.*

Sec. 1. The funds of this Institution shall at all times be kept separate and distinct from all other funds or monies whatever, and the Director shall deposite them into the hands of such corporation, or dispose of them in such other manner for safe keeping and improvement as they may see proper.

Sec. 2. The Directors shall endeavour from time to time to devise means for the gradual enlargement of the funds, until they become adequate to the necessities of the Institution.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Directors severally, to execute the intention and direction of testators or donors, in regard to monies or other properties left or given to the Seminary.

Sec. 4. All monies collected, or funds obtained, shall be paid into the general fund, until provision is made for the support of the Professors, and the erection of the necessary buildings and none of the monies of the Seminary shall be expended till

it amount to $10,000, provided always, that any number of individuals, not greater than ten, may at an time found scholarships by the payment of $1,000.

Sec. 5. Any congregation or individuals, as above stated, which shall found one or more scholarships, may, if they see fit, reserve to themselves for ever the privilege of nominating the person to be received on said scholarships; and the nomination of persons to be received on said scholarships, founded by a number of individuals, not greater than ten, may be reserved by said individuals to themselves, during their life time, after which it shall be vested in the Directors, and ever remain with them.

Sec. 6. If at any time no applicant, possessing the qualifications above specified, shall be nominated by the parties, in whom the privilege of nomination is vested, then the Directors may nominate such applicants, until the founders shall have an opportunity of sending one, and if no properly qualified applicant be at the disposal of the Directors, the proceeds of said scholarship during the vacancy shall be paid over to the general funds of the Seminary.

STATUTES

OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT LEXINGTON.

1. Study hours are from 7 to 8 o'clock, A. M., during winter, and from 6 to 7 o'clock, A. M., during summer; from half past 9 to half past 11 oclock, A. M.; from half past 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M., during winter, and from 2 to 6 o'clock, during summer.

2. During winter, morning prayers are to be attended to at 7 o'clock, and as the season advances, somewhat earlier, until March, when it shall be fixed at three quarters past 5 o'clock, and continue at this time during the summer season, so long as the length of day will permit it.

3. Evening prayers are to be attended at 4 o'clock during winter, and somewhat later as the season advances, until March, when prayers shall be at 6 o'clock P. M., and continue at this time during the summer session.

4. Recitation hours to be regulated by the Professor and Faculty however, each class shall receive at least one lecture or recitation each day.

5. No Student shall be permitted to absent himself from recitation or lecture without having previously obtained the permission of the officiating Professor.

6. There shall be a Theological Society, composed of all the Students of Theology, the exercises of which are to consist alternately of debates on Theological subjects and exercises of speaking. Every Saturday at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Society shall hold its meetings, and no other recitation shall be given that forenoon.

7. The Students shall have the privilege of forming a constitution for this Society, subject however to the approval of the Professor, and also provided, that no part of the said constitution is to militate against the Constitution and Statutes of the Seminary, and that the debates as well as the regulations of the exercises remain under the control of the Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology, who shall be President of the Society, ex-officio.

8. The Society may also provide in their constitution for a committee of correspondence with other Theological Societies, especially with those of our own church, in order to form and to cherish a bond of fraternal love among those who shall hereafter labor together in the same portion of our Lord'sv ineyard.

9. The provisions of Article 5th and 6th of the constitution of the Seminary are to be particularly attended to by all the Students.

10. It is recommend to the Theological Students to attend family worship in those families in which they board; and if there is no father of the family in the house, or if he should not be in the habit of holding family worship, especially in the evening, the students are to ask the consent of the family to hold such worship before bed time, and if this consent be withheld, it is expected that they will hold such evening worship together, to which also the members of the family may be invited.

11. In visiting each other or in families, seasonable hours of return ought to be observed, especially in the evening. During hours of recitation no visitings can be permitted.

12. If a student during session time is called by urgent business from the Seminary for a day or two, he shall nevertheless ask the permission of the Professor.

13. No Student is permitted to preach or exhort, without the knowledge and permission of the Professor, or under the direction and with the permission of an ordained minister, in whose congregation the Student may happen to come.

14. Without particular circumstances require an exception of the rule, the students of the *Senior* and *Middle* classes only, shall have the right to preach, though all may exhort and pray in public, under the restriction of section 13th of these Statutes; consequently, no student will make an appointment, or accept an invitation to preach or exhort, without having previously given notice thereof to the Professor, who may either grant or refuse the request as he shall see fit.

15. The morning and evening services in the Seminary are to be conducted in following manner: A portion of the Scripture is read in succession and occasional remarks made on the same, a hymn is suug, and the service concluded with a prayer.

16. Every Saturday forenoon at 9 o'clock, a conference is to be held. On that occasion the Students read essays of their own composition on practical subjects of religion, given out by the Professor two weeks previous to their being read; after the reading of these essays, practical remarks or observations on the subject may be made both by the Students and the Professor.

17. On the first Monday of every month there is to be a meeting of the members of the institution for a concert prayer, to which also, the preparandi are to be invited to attend, for the purpose of offering our thanks to God for his goodness to all the members of the institution, and to commit the same as well as ourselves to his protecting care for the future, and to bless the means used by us for our advancement in piety, and implore him that his blessing may continue to rest upon the Seminary as well as upon every other effort made in the Christian world to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. On such occasions the Professor may read any recent important missionary intelligence, which he may have received.

COURSE OF STUDIES.

I. *Of the Junior Class.*

1. Greek and Hebrew Philosophy. 2. Sacred Geography. 3. Chronology. 4. Biblical History. 5. Jewish Antiquities. 6. Natural Theology. 7. Evidences of Christianity. 8. Composition.

TEXT BOOKS.

Greek Philology, the New Testament, Hebrew Philosophy, Hebrew Bible, Sacred Geography, Horne's Introduction, 3d Vol., 1st page, Chronology manuscript, Biblical History, Manuscript, Jewish Antiquities, Horne's Introduction, 3d Vol., Natural Theology, (Paley's Natural Theology with illustrations,) Evidences of Christianity, (Gregory's letters,) Composition, (verbal Instruction).

II. *Of the Middle Class.*

1. Logic, (Hedge's). 2. Jewish Antiquities continued and ended, (Horne's Introduction). 3. Rules of Scripture interpretation, (manuscript). 4. Exegesis of the New Testament, (Lectures). Exegesis of the Old Testament, (Lectures). Ecclesiastical history, (charts and lectures). 7. Biblical and Systematic Theology, (Storr and Flatt, as well as Lectures). 8. Composition, (verbal instruction.)

III. *Of the Senior Class.*

1. Exegesis of the Old Testament continued. 2. Exegesis of the New Testament continued. 3. Ecclesiastical history continued. 4. Biblical and Systematic Theology continued. 5. Pastoral Theology and church government, (Miller's letters and Lectures). 6. Symbolic Theology, (Lectures and Sherheinches Symbolic). 7. Polemic Theology, (manuscript). 8. Exercises in pronouncing and delivering of sermons.